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March 13, 2006

Dear Governor Schweitzer:

RE: Montana Sedition Project

I am writing to you in regard to the Montana Sedition Project, which Professor Clemens Work and the UM Law Students are working on.

My name is , Sharon Keyes, wife of Craig Keyes, who is retired from the Colstrip Coal Mine. Craig's Grandfather, Fay Rumsey was convicted of Sedition in 1918, in Rosebud County,(Forsyth). He homesteaded on Sarpy Creek, which became part of Treasure County in 1919.

We reside in Hysham, where Craig was born and raised. I, Sharon was raised in Forsyth, MT, where Dad practiced Law for 37 years, he was also a Rep. and St. Senator from Rosebud County, totaling 22 years.

I have read the book, "Darkest before Dawn", by Clemens Work, very well wrote, and may I add, very interesting on how, the spoken words, put people in prison. (worse things are said today)!

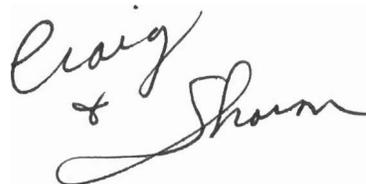
Craig's mother, Barbara Rumsey Keyes Mayor, was 3 years old, when her father was sent to prison, she was one of 11 children at the time, along with her mother, who were left to fend for themselves. Barbara and some of the other siblings were put in the Twin Bridges Orphanage, as the mother could not care for them all. Barbara is now 90½ years old, living alone in Buffalo, WY. It would mean alot to her and the other Rumsey relatives to have Fay Rumsey pardoned. Mr Rumsey was sentenced on Oct.13,1918 and released on Oct.12,1919, Suffering from stomach problems, he died May 11,1922, at age 54.

It would mean so much to, to my husband, Craig, his mother Barbara, her other 3 siblings, that are still alive, her other children, Sharon and Milt Timar of Buffalo, WY, Anna Lou and Alvin Maarsh, Miles City, and Bob Mayor, Torrington, Wy. and also her many nieces and nephews, and their spouses, and may, Isay it would mean alot to me , as I have been working with Professor Work on the project, getting Info for him on the Rumsey family.

I understand that the Pardon Petitions will soon be submitted by the Montana Sedition Project for your consideration. It is with great hope, that you will pardon Fay Rumsey and all of the other77.

Thank you so much, Gov. Schweitzer, for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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Handwritten signature of Craig and Sharon Keyes in cursive script.