



Mrs. Marcella Barrett
Valarie Arms Drive
Dayton (Harrison Township), OH 45405

Dear Mrs. Barrett:

Your recent recognition by Dayton Daily News's Virginia Burroughs regarding the publishing of your first book: "And the Tree Cried Out" did not go unnoticed by me.

The message of your book is critical to your targeted age groups' socialization and very relevant to their growing appreciating of the environment in which they live and play. I am sure that the children at Valarie Elementary School benefited enormously. In the same way, I am sure that your contribution, through this book, will continue beyond Valarie Elementary School to enrich children attending other elementary schools in our Township, and in time, children in our State.

I want to join others who have congratulated you on your accomplishments and extend to you my high regard for your achievements that have been recognized by your colleagues and the Dayton Daily News, and me.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roland Winburn".

Roland Winburn, State Representative
40th House District ¹

1. Representing Trotwood, Harrison Township, and portions of the cities of Dayton, Huber Heights, and Riverside

