

1 HOLLOWAY: Oh, no, not you, Margot? This gentleman? Sir, were
2 you sworn in earlier?

3 ROSENBERG: No. I wasn't.

4 HOLLOWAY: Okay. If we could get you sworn in.

5 CLERK: Do you solemnly swear the testimony you are about
6 to give is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you, God?

7 HOLLOWAY: And please state your name, spell your last name and
8 give us your address.

9 ROSENBERG: My name is Barry Rosenberg. I live at 178 Park View
10 Avenue, Golden Colorado. R-O-S-E-N-B-E-R-G. I've been a homeowner in
11 Jefferson County for 25 years, half of that time on top of Lookout Mountain. I'm
12 speaking as a father of, believe it or not, a four and a half year old that I'd love to
13 send to Ralston and also as a father who lost a child to a rare disease four years
14 ago last week. I bring this up for two reasons. One that veil of invulnerability that
15 everyone says it couldn't happen to me was pierced and it could happen again.
16 A doctor friend of mine says there's an actual name, there's a syndrome, I think
17 it's named after my wife, where parents become real protective of other children
18 knowing that if it happened once, it could potentially happen again. Also I don't
19 want to minimize my loss, my wife's loss but there are worse ways for a child to
20 die than through a rare disease. Our daughter, when she was diagnosed, my
21 wife and I said we would make her life as comfortable as possible. I think Ms.
22 Gaskill talked about the trauma of chemotherapy, of radiation and I'm sure from a
23 parent and child's perspective the roller coaster ride of emotions not knowing

1 whether one is going to live or die are far worse than an terminal disease that our
2 daughter I think suffered. I wanted to say too my wife and I have been involved
3 with a number of families all over the country who have children with rare
4 diseases. We go to conferences every year and of the 50 or so parents who
5 have had other children after their genetic...their child who had a genetic disease
6 died or was still living, none of them had another child with that disease. I think
7 they took tremendous precautions, women who were just opposed to abortions
8 had abortions lest they have another child. Other families chose alternatives like
9 adoption and in our case we chose artificial insemination. I think for us it was to
10 prevent this from happening. I say this because I believe prevention of a
11 potential health hazard is far easier to address than acting after something has
12 happened, something tragic. About five years ago, I have another daughter from
13 a previous marriage that was living with me, and she was kind of on the back
14 burner and decided to take her to climb some fourteeners. And on her way
15 down, this is we were traversing a path and there was a large bowl and my
16 daughter fell. And this bowl was just real deep and there were boulders in the
17 bottom of it and it seemed like hours probably were...turned out to be seconds
18 but she wouldn't stop. She just couldn't stop her fall and I just having a daughter
19 who was dying I couldn't just stand there. I jumped after her and the second I
20 jumped, she stopped and I'm rolling down the mountain. We got a few good
21 laughs about it. But I found that I felt on top of that mountain after Dr. Hoffman
22 spoke over at the Rockland Church back in February and when asked a question
23 are children more vulnerable to EMR than adults, he said, "yes they are with the

1 potential of having childhood leukemia". That was absolutely frightening to me.
2 Two months ago Jon DeStefano, I think, the president of the Jeffco Board of
3 Education talked about the Columbine situation that no one knew that...no one
4 had control of that. And I think as Jan Wilkins said he felt that no one could have
5 prevented that probably. But here is something that is potentially preventable.
6 We know the possible hazards. I think in life people say the worst thing in life for
7 a parent is to lose a child. I would say the worst thing is to lose more than one
8 child. Nothing is as important in life as one's health. Nothing is as important in
9 life as one's health. Nothing is as important in life as one's health. If I had a half
10 hour to speak I would say that over and over again. Having essentially had a
11 child who we just adored, who was the apple of our eye, nothing, nothing could
12 be...and to think digital TV and bottom lines for big corporations, nothing is as
13 important as one's health. If the tower is built our choice is to send our child to
14 Ralston which we won't do or to have her...drive her to another elementary
15 school which up in the mountains is probably equally as hazardous. We will
16 probably move, rather than fight, we would quit. As a father my role is to protect
17 my children. I think, as I believe, the role of the Commission is to protect the
18 citizens, the health and welfare. I truly hope you do this, if not you who?

19 HOLLOWAY: Any questions? Thank you. Okay. Is there anyone
20 that wishes to testify?

21 AUDIENCE: There are actually three of us to testify.

22 HOLLOWAY: Have you been sworn in?

23 KING: No. I haven't.