This case may be the first of its kind in which a man alleges that he has been denied an employment opportunity to be a television weather broadcaster in prime time because of his gender and age. It is important because although most victims of gender discrimination are female, men such as Kyle Hunter can also be victims and they are also protected from sex and age discrimination under the law.

There are many individuals in broadcast news who fear filing a lawsuit alleging employment discrimination because they worry that they will be retaliated against and be blackballed if they assert their rights to be free of discrimination.

Kyle has decided to proceed today because he is concerned not only about the denial of his employment opportunity, but also because he is worried about what he considers to be a trend in television news to hire young women as weather broadcasters in prime time while denying qualified male meteorologists the opportunity to be considered for those jobs. We all have a stake in ensuring equal employment opportunity. We are proud to represent Kyle Hunter and commend him on the courage that he has shown by filing this trail blazing lawsuit. We look forward to a successful result.

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