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January 14, 2013

**The Honorable Kathy A Surratt-States
RE: Case No. 12-51502
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse
111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO 63102**

Dear Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

**We are writing you about our healthcare benefits from
Patriot Coal Corporation.**

**If we should lose these benefits it would be devastating to
us. We are both near in age to receive Social Security and
Medicare. There would be undue hardship if we should lose
our healthcare benefits.**

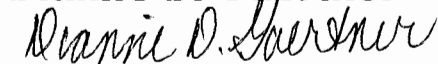
**Please consider us and all of the other families during the
Bankruptcy proceedings of Patriot Coal Corporation.**

Respectfully yours,

Larry R. Gaertner



Dianne D. Gaertner



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