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

January 14,2013

Dear Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

I am writing you today concerning the outcome of the Retirees and widows health insurance and pensions

I had worked for Peabody Coal (not Patriot) for 22 years, I am now fully disabled and retired at the age of 72. I have heart problems, black Lung and have had 2 back surgeries Still only to have a lot of back pain and bending and standing issues. Hearing aids deaf in one ear due to noises underground.

My medicine, doctors and hospital bills are expensive I wouldn't be able to afford these on my own it would probably come to losing our home. What will my wife and I do should they take our pension and health care my wife has several types of arthritis and has had a tumor removed from her breast and several surgeries.

Honorable Kathy Surratt-States we the coalminers have given so much of our lives to very hard and dangerous working conditions I don't have to tell you how little we mean to big companies who have traded us off just for the purpose of casting us off (our health insurance and pensions). My family will suffer greatly and not only my family there are many widows and retirees who already live on meager income if their health care is taken their health will be neglected because they do not have the means to pay for health care.

They' re not asking for a hand out these men and women worked and was guaranteed these benefits. If the coal operators succeed in their agenda

It will be devastating for so many. You don't have to be told everyone knows that this bankruptcy had been a formed plan by Peabody 5 years prior to the bankruptcy I beg mercy for all of the coalminers and families involved. We only ask for what is rightfully ours.

I pray that God will lead you in this, we prayerfully await your decision

Thank you so much for your time and consideration it is greatly appreciated.

Jerry Huddleston (disabled coalminer worked at Peabody #1 for 22 years)

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