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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

January 15, 2013

To The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - States

I'm writing to you to ask you to see that Patriot Coal keep the promise they made to provide health for me & my wife.

I worked at the same mine Eastern Associate Peabody over 20 years. I retired when the mine was closed down.

My wife had breast cancer in 1988. I have the best of insurance. She had surgery & 2 years of treatments. I paid every little money on all her medical bills.

I had a heart attack in 2002. I'm now a diabetic. I need to keep my health insurance. I'm b7 and my wife is b2. Please do the right thing to see we keep our insurance.

In 2002 our daughter was killed in a car accident. She left us with a 3 year old son to raise. He is now 10. He needs us to stay healthy so we can see him graduate and become an adult.

I'm also taking care of my father. He's in the hospital now. But he will need me to take care of him when he comes home. He is 87 yrs old. I need my insurance so I can be able to continue taking my medicine & going to the doctor.

Again please help all of us keep the health care we worked for. We know that between you & God things will turn out O.K.

Thank you

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