



Dear Honorable Kathy A. Lurratt - States

My name is Donald VanClare, a 73 year old retired coal miner from Madisonville Ky. I worked for 23 years at River Queen Mine in Western Ky. for Peabody Coal company when Peabody Energy and Arch Coal spun off their union operations into companies that eventually became Patriot Coal Company they also spun off more than \$1.3 billion in promised health care obligations to coal miners who put their lives and health at risk every single day working for Peabody and Arch coal.

It appears Patriot Coal is now attempting to use the bankruptcy process to shed themselves of these promised benefits. This is a clear effort by the companies to strip away the benefits United Mine Workers of America members have earned over a lifetime of hard work.

At the present time I am now disabled with a fatal lung disease, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, have had back surgery due to accident while working at the mines, have had 4 heart bypasses and Rheumatoid Arthritis which required me to have an infusion of Lemicade every 8 weeks for daily movement

My wife of 50 years also had Diabetes and is also carried under my medical insurance with U.M.R.

I greatly depend on my monthly pension and medical card very much.

Thank you very much for reading my letter

Sincerely,
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