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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Jan. 17, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - States,  
I am writing to you in regards  
to my healthcare benefits.  
My late husband Richard was  
a heavy equipment operator.  
He worked 24 years and many  
long hard hours in coal mine  
construction in Ill., Ala., & W Va.  
He loved his work.

Unfortunately in Dec. of 1999  
he was diagnosed with lung  
cancer, which I am sure was  
partly caused by breathing in  
all the coal dust and asbestos  
from the old mines. All the  
chemo and radiation he had  
failed. He was forced to retire.  
He drew only one retirement check.  
He passed away in Nov. 2000 at  
the young age of 64.

All along, I have been grateful

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for the U.M.W.A. Health and Retirement Funds which gave me \$212.81 per mo. for the 1974 Pension Plan and \$1,016.50 per mo. minus \$458.00 health insurance ending up with \$558.50. That is for the U.M.W.A. 1985 Construction Workers Pension Plan. Sorry to say, if they take these away from me, I cannot survive on Social Security alone.

It's very sad that these big coal companies want to take these benefits away from us, especially when we were promised these for life.

(5) PENSIONS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES:

The UMWA 1985 Construction Workers Pension Plan provides for Surviving Spouse pensions. Benefits for an eligible surviving spouse will be payable in accordance with the following:

(a) If, on or after the effective date of this Agreement, a working construction worker dies (regardless of cause) and would have been eligible for an immediate pension had the construction worker retired on the date of death, the surviving spouse will be eligible for a pension equal to 75% of the pension the construction worker would have received, and will receive this pension until death. Such surviving spouse will be entitled to retain a Health Services card until death

My husband loved his work, and would be working today if the cancer hadn't taken him.

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He was an excellent operator,  
and a proud supporter of the  
UMWA, as I am today.

I am hoping this letter  
will help in some way for  
us to keep our benefits.

Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely,  
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