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Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States 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

To the Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States,

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

I am writing to you in reference to Patriot Coal Corporation's bankruptcy case and their action to discontinue health care for retired coal miners such as myself.

I have many health issues that would be life threatening if not for my healthcare. I see three specialty doctors. The first is my heart doctor. I have sixteen stints between my heart and legs. I have suffered two heart attacks. I also see a specialist for my legs. The doctor tells me I could lose my legs if I didn't take care of myself and see him regularly. I also wear a knee brace and have severe leg pain daily. I also see a foot doctor as well as my primary physician. I must sleep with oxygen every night. Losing my healthcare would be devastating to me and for my quality of life.

Patriot Coal Corporation promised I would have healthcare for the rest of my life. I gave them thirty-four years of my life, suffering from broken bones on two separate occasions while working at Vogue Mines. I hold them fully responsible for their obligations. Paying medical expenses would be devastating to me because I am on a fixed income.

Please support me and 90% of the retirees and widows currently affected by this bankruptcy.

Sincerely,

Elmer G. Capps

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