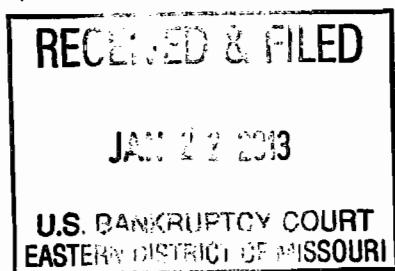


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The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - States
Re: Case No. 12-51502
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse
111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor
St. Louis, Mo. 63102

Your Honor:

I am writing in regard to
Bankruptcy Case 12-51502.

I worked for many years at
Peabody Co. and Arch Mineral,
now called Patriot Coal Corporation.
All the years I worked the coal
Companies guaranteed us that if we
worked long enough we would receive
health insurance for ourselves and
our spouse, and if we died first,

our wives would continue to receive their coverage.

Now Patriot wants to take this away from us.

My wife and I need this to survive. We both worked and supported our 4 children, living comfortable but never beyond our means. Now at age 76 and my wife 71 we probably will not be able to maintain our home for very long, a home that we have lived for 38 years, if we end up losing this case. We are only asking what was always promised to us.

I truly believe Patriot Coal Corporation went into ~~this~~ with a plan and that plan was to go into Bankruptcy, not caring how many thousands of lives they will destroy if this happens.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely, Donald E O'Rear

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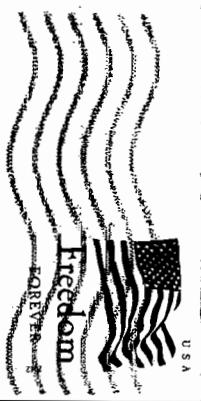
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