

January 19, 2013

Your Honor,

My name is Alfred (Al) Mercier. I am sixty eight years old and retired. I worked in the mines for thirty and one half years. My last mine closed in 1999 (Arch coal). I had to take early retirement so I could keep my medical coverage do to the fact my wife had breast cancer (stage 4). Thank God my wife is a 13 year survivor. My health situation also changed starting in 2005. Since then I have had two hips replaced, Triple bypass, rotator cuff surgery and other surgeries.

Needless to say, if it wasn't for the UMWA and my health benefits, This would have been devastating.

With my UMWA pension and Social Security we are just getting by. If Patriot Coal fails to keep its contractual promises we will not survive.

Please keep us and all UMWA members in your heart and prayers when making your decision.

Sincerely,

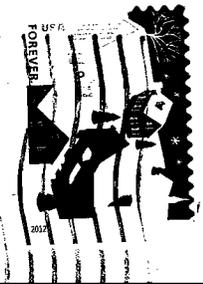
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