

Dear Honorable Kathy A. Sarnatt-States

The challenges we face as Americans are enormous, raising taxes, medical bills, food and housing costs etc. The country debts are great, but what would most people do without those entitlements. I am sixty-one years old planning to retire this June. In 1972 I was drafted in the Army, I served honorable. I didn't really want to go but it was the right thing to do. I came out went to work in the mines, Peabody Coal Co, the biggest coal company in the world. I have also served honorable. I have given Peabody, now Patriot the best years of ones life. We as miners, have give our lungs & backs, to keep lights & heat going. Over the year coal companies signed contract after contract promising health care Retirements and etc. They also have found ways to beat the workers out of those benefits, we are seeing this all over the country. They can promise the world to keep you working, when in the end they don't have to keep their promise. Peabody, Arch & Patriot these all are the same, they have found through Bankruptcy a way to beat the dues, promises & contracts. This is corporate America at its best. The spin off was a joke, but as workers, we now know why it was done, to take away everything we

have earned. They have kept money by giving huge bonuses over the years. Over the years other workers, union & non union have been hit by Corporate America. Other companies will do the same as time goes on. Just make up a name and use the word spin off. Spin off liabilities and keep the best. These companies will never go broke. I wish Peabody had used another name besides Patriot, means a lot different to them than to me, someone who as served, what if we had never served, never fought a war, where would we be as Americans today Patriot Coal has nothing but workers. Patriot Coal really doesn't own nothing. If nothing else it was so easy to spin, it would be nice if it could be spun back to Peabody, Ach Patriot. All one and the same what do we tell our grandchildren that the company they work for will probably never have to pay who was promised, because it is so easy. You them to have spin offs or bankrupties.

Spin offs OR bankrupties.

Sincerely yours,
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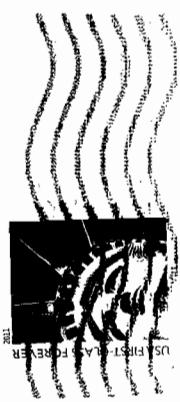
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