Dear Judge Kathy A. Surratt-States,

I was employed at Squaw Creek Mine, Boonville, In., from November of 1966 to June of 1999.

Squaw Creek Mine was owned by Alcoa and operated by Peabody Coal.

I worked under many UMWA contracts with Peabody and Alcoa but never under contract with Patriot Coal.

It's been my understanding when two parties enter into a contract it is a binding agreement-a covenant.

Patriot Coal, a spin off of Peabody, partnered with Peabody, for the purpose of getting out of the responsibilities of the UMWA contracts that Peabody Coal had signed for years with the UMWA.

In 2006, Patriot Coal became the "sole provider" of the UMWA Health Care.

Therefore, my wife, Beverly and I, Wilber, are asking for your wisdom in putting the UMWA workers at ease in their retirement years and this time of their lives by putting the burden where it belongs-with Peabody Coal Company.

Sincerely,

Wilber and Beverly Groeninger 958 Treelane Dr. Newburgh, IN 47630

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