

January 21, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

Re: Case No. 12-51502

Dear Judge Surratt-States;

I am writing to you today pertaining to the Patriot Coal Corp. Bankruptcy case and how the outcome of this case will affect myself, my family, and countless other families who have been drawn into this case.

I worked for Peabody Coal Company for over 31 years at their Squaw Creek Mine near Chandler, In. and never worked a single day for Patriot Coal Corp. The work I did was for Peabody Coal and the profits I helped them achieve were for Peabody Coal and the promises made to me were from Peabody Coal.

Patriot Coal was only formed and invented to help Peabody shed their obligations and responsibilities to their workers and retirees and I believe the facts will show this to be true.

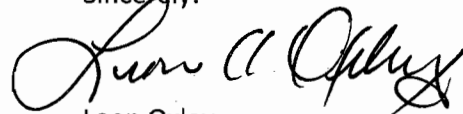
I gave my employer (Peabody Coal Co.) the best years of my working life, was forced to retire early because Peabody closed the mine, and tried to prepare for my retirement years ahead by planning, and knowing what I could count on and what would be there for me in the future. Now Peabody (Patriot) wants to change all of this for me when it is too late for me to compensate for these changes.

My wife and I depend very heavily on our Pension and the Health Care we EARNED and were promised by Peabody. My health is not as good as I would like, I have had a Heart Attack, Kidney Cancer, and other lesser ailments that all still need medical care. My wife has had numerous neck and spine surgeries, has been diagnosed with C.O.P.D. , nerve damage, high blood pressure, etc. We very much depend on our medical insurance, but our medical needs are small compared to other miners and mine families we know. The loss of Medical Coverage to us and all the other mining families in this area would be devastating.

As I stated before I never worked 1 day for Patriot Coal, in fact Patriot was not created for 6 or 7 years after I stopped working for Peabody, but I knew in my heart the day I heard that Peabody was creating Patriot Coal Corp. that this creation was made so Peabody could shed its obligations. Peabody Coal Never Asked if they could move me to Patriot Coal because I would have told them NO !! So I am asking You as the Judge for the People To tell Peabody/Patriot to KEEP THE PROMISES THEY MADE!!!

What Peabody/Patriot is trying to do is no different than me buying my wife a new car and signing the loan papers and then telling the loan company I am not going to pay them, but I am keeping the car because it is my wife's car.

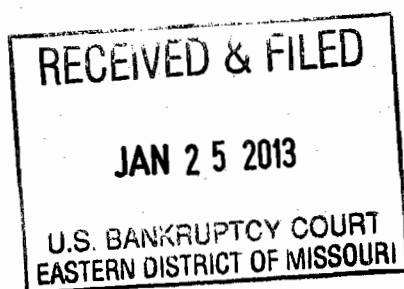
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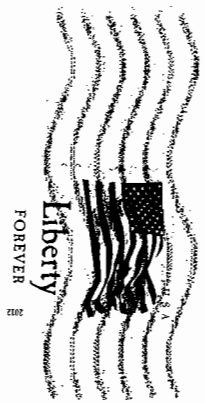
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