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To The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States Re: Case No. 12-51502

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

My name is Johnny Owsley. I am writing this letter in regards to the Patroit Coal restructuring. I have worked in coal since Aug.11 1971. I have worked Union all the time. I have worked to get to this point so I could retire and enjoy life. I had planned on retireing in 2013 with my retirement and full medical benifits.

In July of 2012 I had a chest Xray on an exam which turned up with a spot on my Rt. upper lung which turned out to be cancer. Since then I have had a Lobectomy of my Rt. upper lung. I am currently taking Chemotherapy and will thru March 2013 hopefully. Then it will be Ct/Pet Scans to see if it spreeds.

I started to go ahead and retire a couple of months early since I already have the time but the bankrupcy now after 41 yrs. I might loose my medical insurance if I retire since the company is trying to get out from under the agreement with the U.M.W.A. by dropping their obligation to its retirees and current working employees. I pray that I can beat this cancer and enjoy the rest of my life with my wife and family. Now is when I will need my Insurance more than ever.

I live with my wife and two kids, a 13 yr. old boy and a 15 year old girl. I have other medical problems as comes with age. I have not smoked in over 19 yrs. so the cancer came as a surprise to me, and I would like to retire and enjoy the rest of my life but, I will have go back to work if I am able, to keep my insurance. With my cancer, "CT SCANS/PET SCANS" Drs. appointments and the cost of my other perscription meds, I could not afford it without my insurance that was promised. Reality is I really dont know what I am going to do, not only for me and my family, but all the other families involved.

Thank You and may God Bless Johnny Owsley RECEIVED+FILE

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