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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

## JANUARY 24, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

Re: Case No. 12-51502

Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse

111 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

St. Louis, Mo. 63102

Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-states:

My husband worked for Peabody Coal for twenty-two-years. We live in a rural area where most people make their living by farming or coal mining. When my husband retired, we were promised a pension and medical insurance for life. This was put into written contracts.

Hope you don't mind if I share a story from my childhood. I was around ten-years-old and a friend of my father ask to borrow money. My father gave him the money, and they shook hands with a promise that his friend would return the money in a month. Nothing put in writing, just a honest man keeping his promise. To this day that image is burned in my mind.

It makes me somewhat sad to think we've lost our integrity in a hand shake. Now it appears we are losing our integrity in our written contracts. We're just hard working people that want what has been promised to us, no more or no less. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

**Judy Buss** 

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