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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

To: The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

Re: Case No. 12-51502

Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse

111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor

St. Louis, MO 63102

Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States:

I am writing this letter concerning what Patroit Coal corporation is trying to do to us, the UMWA Retiree's and Widows. They are trying to take away our Health Care Benefits.

I never worked for Patroit Coal. I retired from Arch Coal.

I had 27 years with the company when I retired. The only reason I stayed in the mines was because of the good medical benefits I had then and had hoped to have the rest of my life, for my wife and me. It was hard work wading mud, water and bad conditions.

I am on medicare myself so if we lost our coverage I would have to get supplemental health coverage and prescription coverage.

My wife is not old enough for medicare so I would have to get her the full package, that is medical coverage and prescription coverage, which I couldn't afford on fixed income.

My mother-in-law is 92 years old and a widow of Arch Coal (UMWA) Retiree. Her husband worked the same place I did. She would have to have supplemental health coverage and prescription coverage, which she just couldn't afford.

We were promised full medical coverage when we retired if we had at least 20 years, which I have.

This is not right, Patroit trying to take away our medical benefits.

I am on blood thinners because I've had several blood clots, so I have to see my doctor fairly often.

Most of the retiree's where I live are UMWA members who worked for Arch Coal and are in the same circumstance I'm in.

I would appreciate it if you'll consider our problem and do what you can to help us.

Thank you very much,

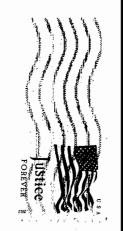
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