



January 22, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse
111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO 63102

Re: Case No. 12-51502

Dear Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States:

I am writing this letter to ask you to support the coal workers such as myself in the Patriot Coal bankruptcy case (No. 12-51502). Maintaining my health benefits and my UMWA pension is of most importance to my wife and I as we become older. I am 73 years of age and my wife is now 69.

I worked a total of twenty-five years as a coal miner on the night shift. Patriot Coal made promises to the former Arch employees to honor their service and to protect their benefits. Patriot Coal should be expected to fulfill these promises. You can imagine what it would be like if the retirement benefits that you are working toward were taken from you.

I am the care-taker of my wife who is diabetic. Her medical needs are extensive. Her medication expenses would greatly increase. I also worry about medical costs if we become hospitalized.

I urge you again to help my wife and I. We ask you to not allow Patriot Coal to file bankrupt and get out of their obligations to each of us coal mine workers.

Thank you for your consideration,


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