

January 25, 2013

Honorable Kathy A. Suyratt-States,

I am writing you this letter in response to the case 12-51502. I am one of the 10's of thousands of UMWA families that will be affected by your decision regarding this situation.

I am literally a true coal miner's daughter and granddaughter and wife. I am proud to be part of these 3 generations of hard working men that have counted on the support of Peabody Coal and the benefits that they have worked so hard to have. Their commitment and hard work is evident by their health and ailing bodies. The loss of the benefits that were promised to these men and all the other UMW's and their families will be devastating.

My husband has had the unfortunate fate of having to have 4 total joints, both shoulders and both knees. His hard work for the coal mine is evident every day as he tries to do the everyday activities that we all take for granted without pain. The future is unknown as to what he will have to endure with these medical conditions and the thought of not having our promised medical benefits is almost unbearable. My father who worked for Peabody Coal for 40 years is suffering from colon cancer and having to go through Chemotherapy. His benefits are a godsend considering the high cost of medications that he is taking for this treatment. The mental anguish that all the families will have to go through because of losing the benefits they were promised is hard to fathom.

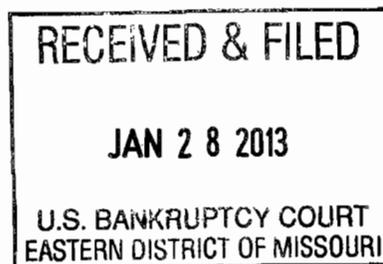
The point here is that while these miners were working very hard for a living they were promised the benefits that they paid for, after retirement.

Please consider the hard work and the futures of these families while you are making a very important decision that will affect so many people.

Sincerely,



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