

138 Marilyn Ave.
Swansea, IL 62226
January 24, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

Re: Case No. 12-51502

Thomas T. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse

111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor

St. Louis, MO 63102

Dear Judge Surratt-States

May I tell you a bit about myself. Except for the two years I spent in the military, I spent my entire working career - 37 years - at Peabody Coal Company, now Peabody Energy.

A few years ago Peabody and Arch Coal decided to rid themselves of their obligation to fund their health care system and founded Patriot Coal and shifted health care to that corporation. The miners now know that Patriot was founded "to fail," go into bankruptcy, and - voila - our health care is gone in the process.

We were promised "cradle to grave" health care. (Our U.S. Government also stated we were entitled to "cradle to grave" health care. Now it seems, the company to which we were loyal to all those years has abandoned us. This action is extremely unfair. Today, no one care about

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workers. We are experiencing corporate greed

I feel we Peabody retirees should be returned to Peabody with full health care and benefits implemented in tact. Peabody is a reliable, profitable corporation and can well afford the promised benefits.

Sincerely,

Laurence J. (Larry) McIntyre
Local Union 1148

P.S. Other UMWA pensioners are not affected.

by the Patriot Bankruptcy, Only Peabody
and Arch.

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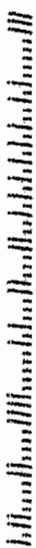
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