

To The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States:

I am Sandra K Myers the wife of William D Myers. He gave 32 years of service at the Peabody Coal Company where he worked as a welder. There were several times through his years of service that he worked in extremely cold weather conditions at high elevations.

He also worked in very hot weather in small cramped spaces due to these confined spaces, combined with the intense heat, and thick smoke he would suffer with chills from smoke poisoning.

Sometimes he had arc burns so terrible he could not open his eyes. The pain would become so severe I would have to drive him to the hospital in the middle of the night because he was unable to drive himself.

The company would send him out on repair jobs at other mines in the state and several times out of the state. He would spend weeks away from his family, and that time cannot ever be returned to him.

In 1998 while welding on a huge dragline bucket a dump cable that was looped over the top fell on him. It was approximately 3 ½ inches in diameter, but by the Grace of God his life was spared in this one of many mine accidents.

The men and women that faced these risks every day are now faced with a dilemma of not knowing if their health insurance and benefits will be taken from them.

Then there are the widows of retirees that if they have their benefits taken away, this will be extremely devastating. I know it would be for me.

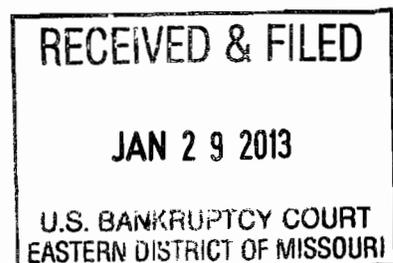
I do know one thing the board members and executives of Patriot Coal would not want their family members in these state of affairs.

I believe that Patriot was formed to fail to give Peabody a way out of their promise and commitment to the retirees and multiply their wealth.

Thank you for taking the time to read about the overwhelming fear of losing these benefits we are facing. I pray that a promise made will be a promise kept.

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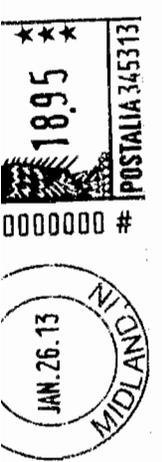
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