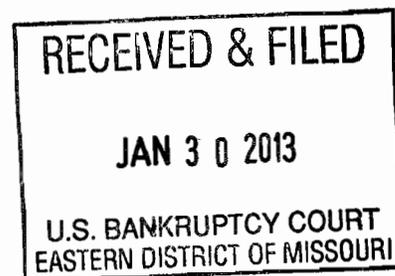


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January 20, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States  
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse  
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Re: Case No. 12-51502

Dear Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States,

I am writing to you concerning the Patriot Coal Corporation bankruptcy.

I am one of many United Mine Workers of America members that this bankruptcy will affect. The effects of this action by this company will be devastating for tens of thousands of UMWA families.

I am a retired coal miner. I have worked 24 years for Arch Coal and all under a UMWA contract which Arch Coal agreed to the terms. I never dreamed that Patriot Coal would try to back out of its health care obligations to the widows and retirees that in this time of our lives when we need health care. We worked hard and trusted the company and not leave us begging for our health care. It was the one thing that I thought I could count on when I retired.

Me and my wife could not afford to lose our health care.

I beg, Your Honor Surratt-States, do not allow this bankruptcy to prevail. Patriot Coal must be held accountable for the promises made to me and all the tens of thousands of families. We worked hard to make them the company that they are today, and now I ask, no I beg, that you make Patriot Coal honor their agreement.

Thank you,

Robert DeBoard  
UMWA  
District 17-Local 5817

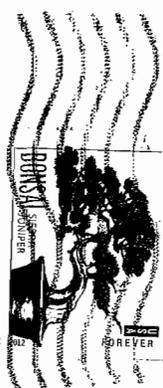
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