

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt states

being a coal miner for thirty years, working for U.S. Steel and Arch of Kentucky. A devoted member of UMWA district 19. I basically gave my life to the coal mines.

I am now 67 years old, retired and on disability. I worked from 1968 until my first heart surgery in 1981. After months of rehabilitation I returned to the mines and worked until my second heart attack and surgery in 1997. My doctors refused to let me return to work. If it were not for my health and retirement benefits, I probably would not be here today. My health benefits mean more to me than anything. I would be bankrupt myself, if not for the guaranteed health care our fathers and grandfathers fought and died for so many years ago! I do understand what it is like to have your life in jeopardy.

Our communities in Eastern Kentucky are small and at the present time are being devastated by mine closures. Families are losing their homes and leaving the area bringing enormous hardships to our cities and schools. Now, promises broken by Arch and Peabody Coal companies have put all retirees and widows in double jeopardy. One hospitalization could destroy their life. We pray you will take all retired coal miners families and widows into consideration as you make your decision on so many lives. Our lives are in our hands.

Respectfully,

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