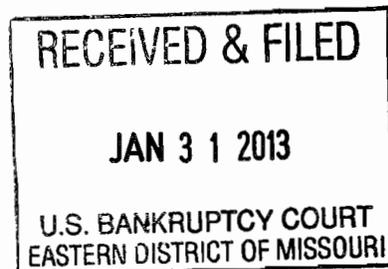


January 27, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States  
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse  
111 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
St. Louis, MO 63102

Re: Case No. 12-51502

Dear Judge Surratt-States,



I am writing in concern of the potential loss of my health care benefits due to the bankruptcy filing of Patriot Coal.

I spent 23 years in the mines, at which subsequently retiring from Peabody Energy in 2004. I sacrifice monetary pension benefits to have an exceptional health benefit package for retirement. I believe at that time we were guaranteed lifetime health and pension benefits and retired based on that. I was just recently diagnosed with COPD. My physician said that my condition was due to working in the mines and coal dust. It is too late to file a black lung claim, and now may lose my benefits for treating it. My wife has chronic back problems, which will result in surgery in the near future. Given our age and preexisting health issues, purchasing new insurance would be difficult financially, if not impossible with insurance agencies. I feel that Peabody/Patriot, have the obligation to provide benefits accordingly to the initial contract to the retirees.

Your consideration in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

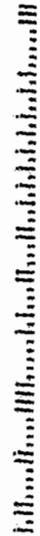
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