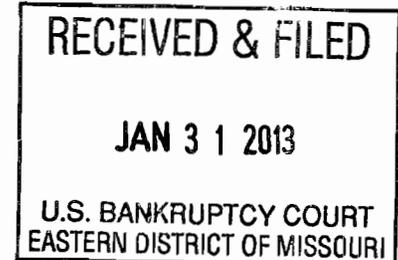


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February 28, 2013  
Case No.- 12-51502

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States  
Re: Case No. 12-51502  
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S.Courthouse  
111 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
St. Louis, MO 63102



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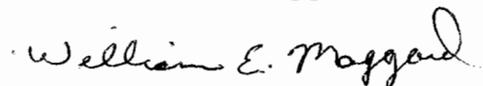
I am writing in regard to the recent notification that Peabody, Arch, and Patriot Coal Companies are filing for bankruptcy. It is out of concern for my well being that I write this letter. It is my understanding that if the said companies are allowed to file bankruptcy that I am in grave danger of losing the benefits that I have worked so hard for these many years. I have fulfilled my end of the bargain in my employment with Arch Mineral Coal Company in that we made Arch record profits as well as helped them to set various national coal production records. As a retired employee, I have helped Arch Mineral to earn a lot of money over the many years. It is through my dedicated years of service that I earned the current benefits that I receive. I am not seeking monies that I didn't earn. I feel that Arch should not be allowed to compromise on its promises to each individual that dedicated their lives to them daily. This would be a social and moral injustice to all of the company's employees that have earned this retirement. You cannot take a way a persons livelihood due to the incompetent mistakes of multi-million dollar companies that simply have not managed their affairs accurately. If the coal operators are permitted to break their promises it will place hardships on miners that they will not be able to overcome. Many will lose their homes, the ability to seek proper medical care, and even loss of the most basic want (food, shelter, transportation, medical supplies, etc...). If Arch and Peabody are allowed to stop contributing to employee pension funds, the miners stand to lose their pensions and medical assistance.

I urge you to please take into consideration the tremendous effect these losses will have on thousands of employees. We must make million dollar corporations

responsible for contracts and promises made to employees,  
in order to maintain a nation of productive citizens that  
seek to work hard for hopes of retirement in their elderly  
years and the medical assistance needed to survive. Please  
do not allow these companies to file bankruptcy.

Sincerely,

William E. Maggard

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William E. Maggard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Retired Arch Mineral Employee

*William E. Maggard  
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Purveys, Ky. 40865*

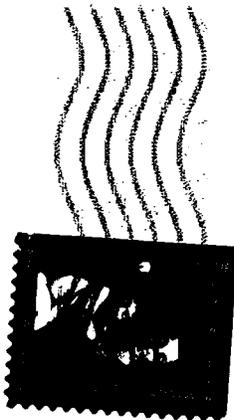
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