

Honorable Judge Kathy Suratt
I am writing in regard to the effort of Patriot Coal Corporation to shed itself of health care obligations to United Mine Workers of America retirees, widows & their dependents.

I worked inside the coal mines of Eastern Associated Coal, which is now Patriot Coal, at Keystone W.V. for thirty eight years as a mechanic-electrician & gave good service to my employer & was paid fair wages for my work which I enjoyed. I carried forty pounds of tools on my back every day & worked a lot of overtime.

After thirty eight years, at the age of fifty three, I had to retire because I had a heart attack. Later on I found out I had black lung disease & have been using oxygen ever since.

Since I retired, I have had good health coverage & was promised it would continue until I die. Now it is in jeopardy because of the claim of bankruptcy filed by

Patriot Coal. This is the
livelihood of my wife & I.
She is eighty one & I am
eighty four years old.

Judge Lathy, when you
judge this case, please remember,
not only us but all the elderly
that will suffer if Patriot Coal
Corporation is allowed to win
this case.

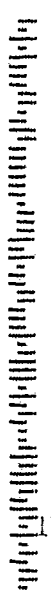
Thank you, Judge Lathy
for taking time to read this
letter. Whatever way you decide,
I know you will be fair to all
concerned.

Sincerely
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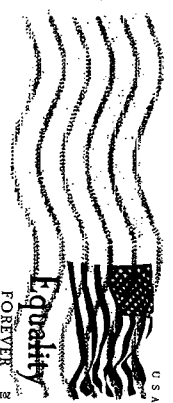
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