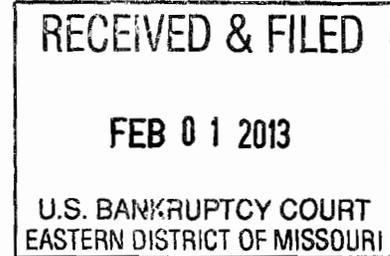


January 28, 2013

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



RE: Case No. 12-51502

Dear Judge Surratt-States:

I am writing to you as a 70 year old, retired, Peabody Coal Company coal miner. I was employed by and worked for Peabody Coal Company for 29 years until my retirement in 2000. I retired dependent upon the pension and benefits that I worked for and which were provided for and promised under the 1974 contract. I and my family are reliant upon receiving my pension in order to continue to provide a home for me and my family, which includes my seven year old granddaughter whom my wife and I are raising.

The loss of my pension would be a devastating and life changing blow that my family and I would be unable to recover from. The loss of my pension would mean the loss of our home as the income from my pension pays the mortgage on our home.

Further, as a result of my 29 years of loyal service working for Peabody Coal Company, I now suffer from black lung as well as COPD. My wife also suffers from COPD and other health problems. The loss of our health benefits would exacerbate our health problems as we would be unable to afford the numerous medications we need to treat our medical problems.

Please do not allow Peabody Coal Company to break the promises they made to their employees and for which I worked hard for during my 29 years with Peabody Coal Company. I believe Peabody Coal Company has a responsibility, morally and ethically, to abide by the promises they made to those of us who gave them our loyalty and which has contributed to making Peabody Coal Company the success it is today. The devastating effect that would result to the tens of thousands of retired miners and their families, mine included, would be felt by and throughout the communities in which we all reside.

Sincerely,
Bobby L. Belt Sr.

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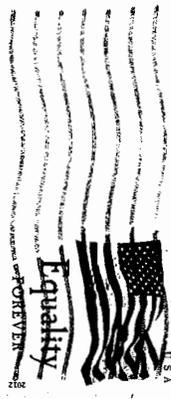
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