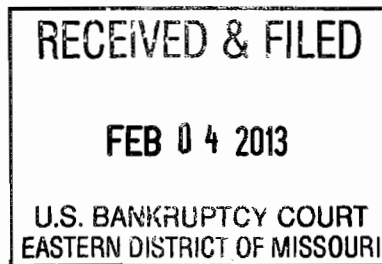


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To whom it may concern,

I am a retired coal miner. I have worked to the coal industry for 25+ years. Worked at Sharples, WV for different companies and I'm in the UMWA. I have been promised by the coal company a pension and health care for life. I don't see how this coal operators can break promises that will affect my health and all other families they made promises to. My father fought for the Union and was killed in a coal mining accident. The Union was there to fight for better working conditions, and security for retired workers that our great fathers have fought for. That isn't not right to allow Coal Companies to fill bankruptcy by getting through loopholes. Coal mining is a very dangerous job and many have died doing this and that is the risk you take to have been promised of a pension and health care for yourself and your family. They should be held fully responsible to their promises.

I am 86 years old and I don't want the coal miners today to have to go through what I'm currently going through, worrying about not having a pension and health that I worked for. They shouldn't have to worry about promises not being kept by the coal companies they work for. Please do not allow the coal companies to use our court system to unfairly break their promises to their workers and families.

Sincerely,

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