



February 2, 2013

Dear Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States,

In an effort to prevent the loss of my benefits, income and personal well-being, I respectfully submit this letter for your review and sincere consideration. I began work at Peabody, Arch and Patriot Coal Mines at the age of 25. I gave this company my loyalty, my body, my mind and my soul in return for wages and benefits, with one of those benefits being a pension and healthcare insurance for the rest of my life. During my tenure with this company, I missed only 1 day out of 25 years. I am now 75 years old and face an uncertain future if you rule to allow the aforementioned company to claim bankruptcy, terminating all by benefits, especially my healthcare insurance. I feel that this company made a binding promise to me when I hired in assuring me that my healthcare insurance would be provided for me until my death.

I am pleading with you to help me and the other former employees of Peabody, Arch and Patriot Coal Mines to make this company fulfill their promise to me of my benefits. Make them find some other way to improve their financial woes, but don't take it out on the employees who helped make the company successful. Where is this company's loyalty? Where is their obligation to me? Please don't make my future one that is filled with worry and dependence on the government to take care of me.

By working together we can make sure Peabody, Arch and Patriot Coal Company keep their promise to me and the many other employees, a promise that this company maintained the entire time I worked for them.

I sincerely thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Stone". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John J. Stone

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