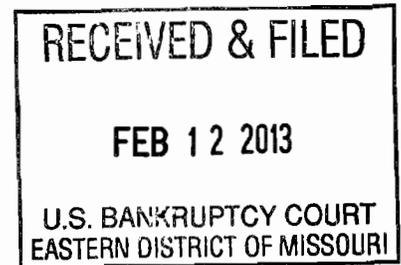


February 11, 2013



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

Your Honor,

When I started working for Peabody Coal Co. on November 20, 1968, I started as a shuttle car operator and it was a very dusty job. I stayed on that job for about 2 years. I then bid on a roof bolter job which was also dusty and very dirty. As I tried to be a good, flexible worker, I learned all the machines in and out of the coal mine. I went to school and got all the mining papers I could get. I even helped the company as a shift leader when their bosses were off so they could have a crew of men to run coal. I believe that I did my part as a coal miner and I believe Peabody should have me covered with health insurance for life.

I have never worked for Patriot Coal Co. I have a lot of health problems such as heart, lungs, both knees (2 total replacements and 1 revision on the same knee), diabetes, kidney failure, thyroid, and sleep apnea. Last year my prescriptions ran a cost of approximately \$13,000. I cannot afford to lose my health insurance. At my age and with my health problems, I cannot return to the work force, so how would I possibly get other health insurance? I am facing losing everything my wife and I have worked hard to own.

I don't believe that Patriot Coal Co. should be allowed to bankrupt to get rid of their liabilities through bankruptcy. Peabody should keep their promise to us retirees. I would appreciate any help and support you can give us.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles D. Whitlow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

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