

February 11, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - States

Re: Case No. 12-51502

Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse

111 South 10th St., 4th Floor

St. Louis, MO 63102

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

I worked for Peabody Coal Co. for 30 years. During that time I saw the many dangers the men working in the mines faced. I myself was in an accident in the mines, I was injured but the man I was working with was killed. I myself have faced many dangerous situations, as have all the men working along side me. As part of the compensation for these dangerous working conditions, we were promised that we would have paid health and medicine insurance for the rest of mine and my wife's lifetimes. We now depend on this insurance in our retirement years. I am sure all the other miners and widows do also. When Peabody Coal Co. put our health benefits to Patriot Coal, we had no idea that this could be the beginning of the end of our benefits. We thought Peabody Coal Co. had our best interests in mind, but

in just a few short years, we learned
differently, that Peabody Coal Co. just
wanted to get out from under their
responsibilities to the miners, their
families and their widows. Please
consider this when making your decision.

Thank you,
Shannon Williams

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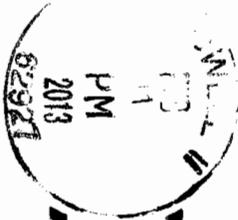
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