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The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Court House
111 S. 10th St. - 4th Floor
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Re: Case No. 12-51502
Patriot Bankruptcy

Your Honor:

As the wife of a retired Peabody Energy coal miner, I am very concerned over the outcome of this case. My husband Gail spent 34 years working for Peabody. Through all of those years, the best thing about his employment was the fact that we knew we would always have lifetime insurance benefits. And Gail knew that, if he died first, I would still have that coverage. As you get older, that fact becomes more and more important to you. You always hear about retired people not having enough income to take care of their bills, medications, etc. We thought we would never have that problem.

Now it seems that Peabody thought of a way to get out of their obligations to the retirees. They simply began Patriot Coal, transferred all of their retiree benefits to that company, and let it operate for a while in a state where there never were any coal mining efforts. Then all they had to do was have Patriot declare bankruptcy. As such, Patriot says they cannot meet those obligations to the retirees who worked so hard for Peabody. This is just wrong - no matter how you look at it.

So, here at ages 71 and 75, Gail and I are worried daily about our insurance. Of course, we have Medicare, for which we are grateful. But to pick up a medical supplement at our age will be very expensive. We know couples who are paying as much as \$300 apiece for supplemental coverage. This will be devastating to us and to most of the retirees we know.

We believe very strongly that Peabody should step up to the plate and honor their obligations to these retirees. Very few, if any, of these retirees worked for "Patriot Coal". They worked for Peabody!

The newspapers said recently that Peabody was enjoying a good year, having reaped millions upon millions in profits. I forget the figure that they mentioned, but it was astonishing that they could have profited so well – and Patriot Coal went bankrupt. I think it borders on criminal for them to have passed off their obligations the way they did.

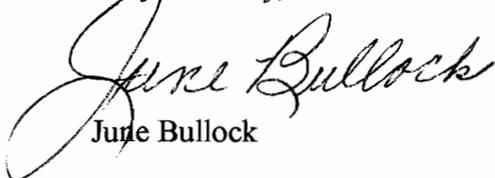
I pray that you will consider very seriously the effect that Peabody's decisions could have on the lives of all of their faithful employees. It is so plain to see what has happened.

Please do not allow them to carry out this farce.

Thank you so much for reading my letter. I know that you are a busy person and have many cases to hear. But I imagine not many cases will affect as many people as this one, especially older people who feel helpless in an unexpected and unfair situation.

Again, I plead that you do not allow this to happen and that you hold Peabody responsible for the promises that they made to these hard-working men through their decades of service.

Very sincerely,



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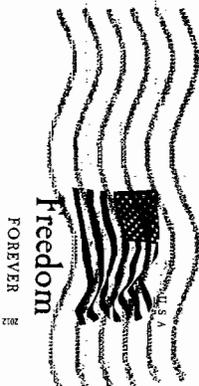
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