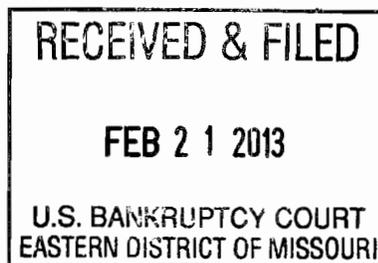


February 18, 2013



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RE: Case NO. 12-51502  
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse  
111 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 4th Floor  
St. Louis, MO 63102

Dear Honorable Judge:

I worked for over 25 years in the coal mines under rough conditions. My body took a beating as I drove the heavy equipment. We made an agreement with Arch Coal to take reduced retirement benefits in exchange for health care benefits.

Now, it seems quite unfair that Patriot Coal Corporation is attempting to devastate us financially by not honoring the commitment of Arch Coal. We trusted Arch in good faith to uphold their end of the agreement and believe that Patriot has an obligation to carry those promises forward.

We will appreciate your consideration of the negative impact such changes will have, not only on my family, but on many others as well. Thank you in advance for having a compassionate, listening ear for our situation.

Sincerely, 

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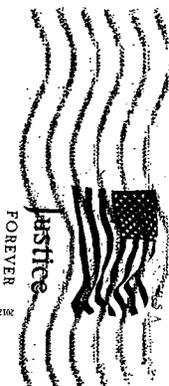
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