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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Feb. 16, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - States

Re: Case No. 12-51502

Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse
161 South 10th Street 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO 63102

My name is Harold William Epling, better known as Butch. I worked for Peabody Coal Co for almost 30 years in the coal mines, and outside. In March of 2000 I had my first heart attack and by pass surgery. In 2006 I had by pass surgery again after multiple heart attacks. I have Black Lung, Fibromyolgia, high blood pressure, sugar, which I take a shot for and many other medical problems.

My wife had a kidney removed because of cancer. High blood pressure, stomach problems which she has had part of her colon removed. Again as you can see we both are on multiple meds. Meds that are vital for our health. All of this was paid for by the Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ins. That was provided for me and promised by Peabody Coal Co. for my 30 years of service. I take about 13 pills twice a day. This does not include my breathing meds.

My wife takes at least 7 to 8 pills a day + some as needed. Now I ask you how do you think I can live without my meds. This insurance is vital for our health. Meds, Dr. visits, + medical tests are so expensive we can not survive without insurance.

So I ask you to please think about all the men, women + children your decision will affect if Peabody shruggs their promises + walks away from the coal miners + their families, and watch people die. Yes people will die without medical treatments.

Thank you for your time.

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