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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

February 23, 2013

Dear Honorable Kathy Surratt-States,

My husband is currently employed at Highland underground mine, Patriot Coal. He first began working for Peabody Coal at age 21 in May 1978. He has spent most of his life working underground 6 days a week for Peabody Coal. If the company posted a run coal on Saturday then the employees were required by their UMWA contract to work. It was supposed to be "worth it" because in return they were promised good health care benefits in the contract when they retired.

In 2007 when Peabody spun off Highland mine to Patriot Coal they took away the miners accumulated vacation days awarded for years service. Peabody-Patriot said the miners were working for a new company now and reduced all the UMWA employees to 2 weeks paid vacation. Again, it would be "worth it" to give up their vacation time to retire with the health care benefits promised by the company in the contract.

Most coal miners are hard workers willing to risk their life or injury to support their families. All UMWA miners ever wanted was safe working conditions, decent wages and their retirement that was in the contract. Please, also, consider the current UMWA employees that have given their life making sacrifices for Peabody-Patriot. Find a way during this bankruptcy for them to feel life has been "worth it."

Thank You,

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