



March 4, 2013

To: The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
RE: Case No. 12-51502

We live in a small community in the southern part of Boone County, West Virginia. Almost everyone around here will be affected by the outcome of the current bankruptcy case of Patriot Coal.

We attend a small church, Barrett Church of the Nazarene, in Wharton, WV. On a good day, there might be 45 people present for the services. However, every one of these people will feel the effect of the outcome of this case. Most are retired coal miners or widows of coal miners. A few of them are working coal miners and their families.

If something should happen that Patriot wins this case, and the people lose their insurance coverage, it would cause a hardship on everyone who attends our church. Our people, or the men who have gone on, worked their entire lives to ensure that their families would not have to be without insurance.

We are praying that when you consider the case of Patriot our people that you consider our people and the cost our miners have paid for this protection.

May God bless you and guide you in all the decisions you make on a daily basis, but especially in this case.

Sincerely,

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