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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - States
I am writing you in regards of
the way Patriot Coal has filed Chapter 11.
I firmly believe that Peabody Coal turned
their commitment to UMW/A Members over to
Patriot Coal in a sneaking maneuver to get out
of their agreement to keep our Health Care Secure.

I started working in the coal mines
in Oct. of 1966, at the age of 22 at the Keystone #1
Mine, Keystone, W.V. for Eastern Assoc. Coal Co.
My Father worked there for 40 years & had Black
Lung very bad. Nine months after he retired, he
got pneumonia and died in the Hospital Feb. 1st, 1980.

I continued working there until Sept. 1985,
when the mine shut down. I was on the union
Panel and was called to work at the Lightfoot #1
Mine in Wharton, W.V. After 2 or 3 years there,
Eastern Assoc. Coal Co. sold out to Peabody Coal.
Then in 1996, I was laid off from work, having
30 plus years at the age of 53. I worked at
Fairchild International in Glen Lyn, Virginia as
a mechanic for 2 years and signed up for
my pension and health care and retired.

Over the years of working in the coal
mines, my wife and I raised 2 boys. Thankfully,
I have been fairly healthy, other than both my
knees need surgery, but, I am trying to make it..

My wife, on the other hand was diagnosed with
Sarcoidosis and she has had a rough time with
several surgeries and she is legally blind. In
2001, she had a complete hip replacement, and

in 2002, she had hips replacement in other hip.
She then wound up with Breast Cancer in 2011,
and had a Double mastectomy. She is
supposedly cancer free now, but will be on
cancer pill (FEMERA) for the next 5 years. The
Medicine is very expensive, so needless to say,
without the Health Care card it would be very
devastating to our livelihood.

I have been a proud UMW member
since 1996 and I thank GOD for them.
I pray that you will, in your wise judgement,
not allow these coal operators to break their
promises.

Sincerely,
Dervil Van Hoose Jr.

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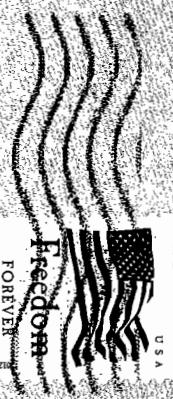
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