



March 4, 2013

Dear Honorable Judge Kathy A. Surratt-States:

I have spent the past 36 years working for the UMWA. It has provided my family with a happy life. The entire time of my employment I never worried about the time I would retire. I knew under the terms of my employment there was a secure retirement plan that would be able to meet all of my needs as I grew older. Now that I have been forced to retire due to a fall from my equipment at work, my company is now trying to take all my hard worked for benefits away.

This fall has caused me to not be able to enjoy many things I had hoped to do when I retired. In addition to this problem I am facing a heart by-pass surgery. The stents they have inserted are blocking. Until the doctors are ready to do surgery, I am taking many different medicines for this condition as well. Without the insurance that I thought I was provided with for life, I won't be able to afford the operation or the medicines that are needed.

My situation is no different than all the other UMWA employees who are in this same position. We are not asking you to do something different for us than any other set of employees. We are asking you to make the company respect the provisions that they guaranteed us on the day they employed us.

Respectfully,
Ricky A. Wells

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ricky A. Wells".

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The Hon. Kathy A. Burdett - District
Re: Case No. 12-51502
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