

LETTER OF SUPPORT

This letter is being written for the thousands of United Mine Workers who are presently retired, disabled, or are still active miners in the State of Illinois.

We are asking for your support for these hard working, conscientious, loyal, and disabled miners who are in danger of losing their United Mine Worker's Association (UMWA) Retiree Health Insurance. These miners were employees of the Peabody Coal Company, St Louis, Missouri, who retired with the knowledge and understanding that health insurance would be available as a benefit when they retired. As you are aware of the conditions the miners are subjected to while digging this coal, I am sure that you know someone or be related to someone who was seriously injured or killed or are disabled because of mining connected disability or the dreadful Black Lung Disease.

I was employed by the Peabody Coal Company in Illinois for 33 years and I too am disabled. My prescriptions alone last year were \$13,000.00.

Patriot Coal Company a subsidiary with Peabody Coal Company has mismanaged their company to the extent of filing for bankruptcy in St Louis, MO. The bankruptcy will not only put coal miners out of work but also place the workers without any health insurance. The successful bankruptcy for Patriot Coal Company will, without a doubt, create these faithful miners to do the same. The miners will lose everything that they worked for without any sympathy of big business. Myself and all my brothers and sisters respectfully ask for your support in this serious manner.

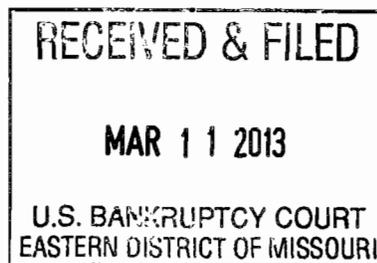
I can be reached at Charles Whitlow, 109 S. Clinton Street, New Athens, Illinois 62264 My phone number is 618 578 9650

Respectfully yours,

*Charles Whitlow*

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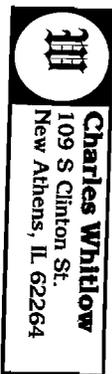
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