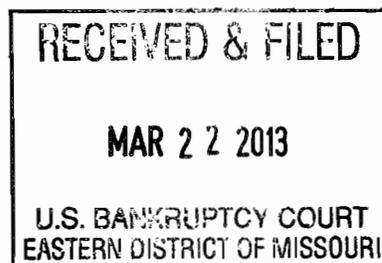


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The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
Re: Case No. 12-51502
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse
111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO 63102

Dear Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States:

As an employee of Patriot Coal, I would like to compare a personal experience with Patriot Coal's bankruptcy.

Say I decide to do a renovation on my home. First, I would get an estimate from a contractor. With that cost estimate, I would look at my finances to see if I could afford this renovation. Let's say it would be paid out in five installments over five months. I would not decide to sign this contract if I could only afford the first two installments and then file bankruptcy and ask the contractor to finish the job, but for what I would be willing to pay.

I don't think you would do business like this either. However, some very high salary executives have done just that to their employees.

I made a decision when I was very young to work as a coal miner. With 20 years, I was promised health insurance for my wife and myself for the rest of our lives. That was one reason I chose this type of work. I have worked with many people that have been disabled and killed over the years and knew this was dangerous work then, but thought it was worth the risk. Now, I would have chosen something different. I have invested my whole life for the promises made to me when I was young. Now I am retirement age, so how do I get a retirement fund now?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith Ebersohl".

Keith Ebersohl

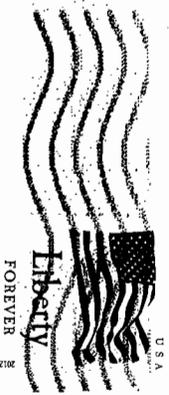
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