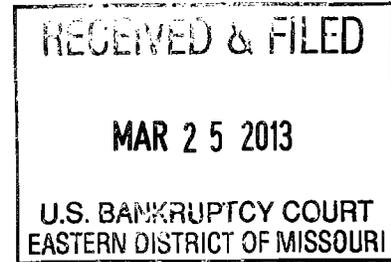


March 18, 2013

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



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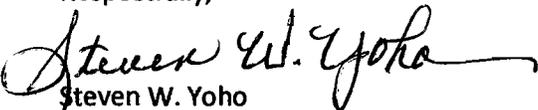
It has come to my attention through the news media and information presented to me by employees of Patriot Coal, Inc. who are friends of mine that, through the use of bankruptcy proceedings by Patriot Coal, their pension and health care benefits are in grave danger of being lost. I am writing to respectfully request that any ruling made by the courts would protect these benefits that have been contractually promised to my friends.

Living in an abundantly coal rich area of north central West Virginia, many of my friends and relatives have and continue to earn their living working in the coal mines. Many widows who are also friends of mine rely on those pension and health care benefits for which their husbands worked for years to earn. Losing these benefits would have a devastating effect upon each and every one of them. The loss of these benefits also could potentially result in a terrible financial effect upon the businesses that serve our local communities and the communities themselves. I fear that local churches and other charitable agencies would be unable to offer enough financial and benevolent assistance to the number of those in our area that would be affected by the loss of these pension and health care benefits.

With these thoughts in mind, I respectfully request that the court rule in favor of the pension and health care benefits being maintained for those employees, both past and present, of Patriot Coal.

Thank you for allowing me to express my thoughts and concerns.

Respectfully,


Steven W. Yoho
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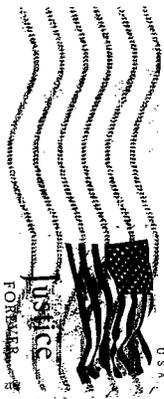
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