



March 15, 2013
The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
RE: Case No. 12-51502
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse
111 South 10th St. 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO. 63102

Dear Judge:

I am writing regarding the bankruptcy of Patriot Coal. In April of 1976 I took a job at a coal processing plant in Corbin, Ky. then owned by US Steel Corporation. I worked at the coal preparation plant until February of 1993 when I was injured on the job. After working 19 years I receive a small pension \$594 per month, I also received health care for myself and my wife. My wife works a part-time job, but has no health care. The new health care laws will not help that issue.

I have never worked for Patriot Coal, at the time of my injury US Steel had sold out to Arch Mineral of St. Louis, MO. I have numerous health problems, some from work injures and others are not. In the past year I had 2 brain surgeries for AVMs. In recent years I have had serious back problems, stomach, removal of part of my colon in 1995, hip replacement in 2000, kidney problems, and high blood pressure. I take 7 or 8 medications on a regular basis. I am covered by Medicare, but if I lost my health insurance I would have to get a supplemental, and drug coverage. My wife does not qualify for Medicare due to her age and I would have to get her a medical policy as well. Replacing mine and my wife health care would be very expensive. Because of my work injury, I did receive a workman's comp award in 1995, which will expire in a few years and farther reduce my income.

I have had great insurance since becoming a member of the UMWA in 1976. It is wrong for this to be allowed to happen to people unable to work due health or age. So much for the American Dream of work hard, you can retire, and enjoy old age. The big companies have all the power. Once again I never worked for Patriot Coal and Arch Mineral is doing great. Over the years this insurance has been a lifeline for me and my family. Please help us and other retired miners.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Brockman".

Larry Brockman Retired Miner District 17, Local 1070

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