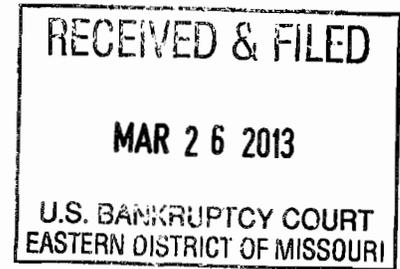


March 24, 2013

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



Dear Honorable Kathy A. Surratt- States;

This is my second letter to you concerning the Patriot Coal Company case.

I guess I will never understand why a company A. establishes another company B. so that company A. can shed its responsibilities and obligations to society.

I worked for Arch Coal for nearly 24 years before Arch Coal left southern Illinois. I feel that I was an important part of the Arch Coal team during my timeline with them. Healthcare was promised to me and many others that were employed by Arch Coal and Peabody Energy during our retirement years.

Please consider us in your decision making concerning the Patriot Coal Company case.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry R. Gaertner".

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