

Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States,

March 22, 2013

My name is Penny Efaw, I am writing in behalf of my father Willard Stout. My father worked in the coal mines for 34 years. I did not realise what a dangerous job my father held until I became an adult. Now I have a son who is a coal miner.

My mother passed away 2 years ago, and I miss her everyday. My mother was diabetic and she had cancer in one of her kidneys which she had to have removed. Therefore she ended up on dialysis. I never thought I would ever think I am happy that my mother is not here to see this. If she were here she would just worry herself to death about the insurance problem.

My father is not a well man either, he was resently hospitalized. If Patriot coal takes away my fathers insurance, they are the same as signing his death warrant. I am the one who takes care of his finances, he is not a weathly man by no means. But he worked 34 years to make Patriot a wealthy comapny. If he has to supply his own insurance or pay out of pocket for medical care he himself will be bankrupt in no time, but I am sure Patriot Coal and their executives do not care. As I said they are signing his death warrant.

I hope the owners of Patriot Coal and their executives can sleep at night. I myself have several sleepless nights and if I loose my dad I see many more sleepless nights in my future.

I also have a disabled brother who depends on my fathers insurance. What is he to do? There again how can they sleep at night?

My father-in-law was also a coal miner, he too is now gone but my mother-in-law, has demintia. Right now my husband and his brothers are able to keep

her in her own home, paying help with her savings, but with no insurance the money will go to doctors and medicine. Then she will be forced into a nursing home. These are not pleasant places and not somewhere you want to send your mother . Not only will this affect my family, but many,many more, who gave years of their lives to make Patriot a wealthy company.

Ask Patriot owners and their executives if they are willing to give up their insurance and way of life.

Hope they sleep well tonight. By the way I wrote this while sitting in a Doctors office waiting for my brother.

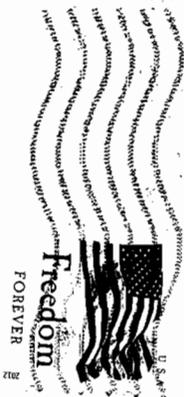
Sincerely, Penny Efaw

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