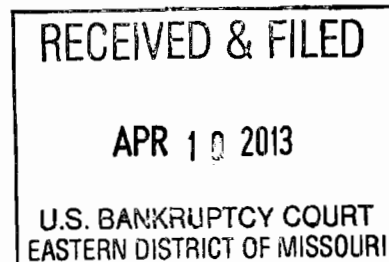


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April 4, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Sturatt-States
RE: Case No. 12-51502
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Your Honor:

In a few days deliberations with Patriot Coal Company will begin in considering their quest to rid itself of responsibilities of their obligations to it's responsibilities to care for the retirees of it's employees through the bankruptcy process.

It is quite obvious of Peabody Coal Company's intentions when it formed Patriot Coal Company a number of years ago. This was to rid itself of responsibilities to care for it's retired employees. Look at the history and process of Patriot Coal in that it formed corporations in New York and as soon as it was legally possible, it filed for bankruptcy. This was done to get it away from the coal fields of West Virginia and surrounding coal fields of Kentucky. The wisdom of the New York Judge seen fit to have the case moved to a more appropriate location.

Ruling in favor of this scheme will set a precedent for other companies both in the coal field and other industries to form such spinoff corporations and do the same thing.

I ask that you hold Peabody Coal Company responsible for THEIR obligations to it's retirees who have NEVER worked for Patriot Coal to continue providing pensions and healthcare.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billy Basham".

Billy Basham

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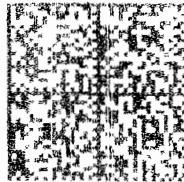
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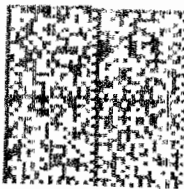


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