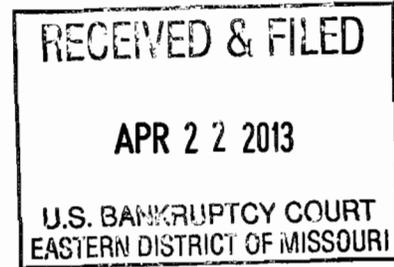


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April 17, 2013

RE: Case # 1251502

Dear Judge Surratt-States:

Imagine for a moment that your father had faithfully devoted more than 40 years to a company, only to discover that in his golden years, they were trying to break their promises of continuous health care and retirement benefits.

Imagine being 69 years of age, already retired, having worked for a company all your life and discovering that your livelihood is in jeopardy.

Imagine having worked for one company (Peabody) all your life only to be switched over to another (Patriot) knowingly destined to fail in order to avoid paying promised contractual obligations to you and others who are counting on those benefits for survival.

Imagine how you would feel knowing that Peabody, a company whose net worth exceeds 2 billion dollars, tossed you and other retirees aside with no regard for you or your family's well-being.

This is the reality that my family and I face if Peabody/Patriot wins this case.

Young people have the opportunity to rethink their retirement course, but for those of us who have already retired....THIS IS IT!

I'm proud to be an American, where our court system upholds fairness and FAIRNESS is all we are asking for. This case is so much more than a Patriot bankruptcy case – it has the capacity to open the floodgates inviting other companies to pursue this devious path. I believe that if Peabody/Patriot wins this battle, it is just the beginning.

In my opinion, companies who deliberately turn their backs on those who have put in their years, worked hard and made them successful, are, to say the least, unscrupulous and immoral. The Bible says that "money is the root of all evil" and Peabody's heartless action is the epitome of evil.

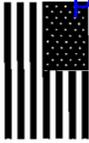
I pray that you will make the right decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Oliver Peveler".

Michael Oliver Peveler

Peabody Employee # 04601

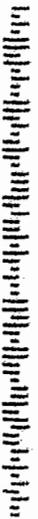


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