The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States Re: Case No. 12-51502
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Virginia Embry Marx 2304 Citation Avenue Owensboro, KY 42301

Dear Judge Surratt-States:

My father, Odrey Embry, is an 84 year old retiree from Peabody Coal Company. He worked as a miner for over 35 years. He worked 6 to 7 days a week for up to as much as 36 hours straight. He was a dependable, capable and knowledgeable employee. He was also an unpaid union arbitrator for disputes between the employees and Peabody. He was, and is, very well respected and had an excellent rapport with both company and union employees and officials. He is still active in the UMWA local at Hartford, Kentucky.

My father was injured several times on the job and has recurring health issues due to some of these injuries. He also has hearing impairment due to the loud noise level of the work environment. My mother has suffered from severe clinical depression for a number of years. She has arthritis, chronic back pain, has had colon cancer and a heart attack.

The loss of the medical coverage they now have through Dad's miners' retirement would cause a severe hardship on them since they are on a limited fixed income. Please help my parents, and others who have worked hard all their lives, keep the medical benefits that they were assured they would have.

Respectfully,

Virginia Embry Marx



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