

May 3, 2013

Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States  
RE: Case No. 12-51502  
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse  
111 S. 10th Street, 4th Floor  
St. Louis, MO 63102

RE: Patriot Coal Corporation Bankruptcy  
Eastern District of Missouri  
Case No. 12-50502

Dear Judge Surratt-States:

I am writing to you on behalf of myself, my family and the UMWA retired miners. I am the wife of a retired UMWA coal miner, Gerald D. Allen, who retired from Peabody Coal Company in the mid-90s, after working at its Ken Surface Mine in Beaver Dam, Kentucky, for more than 23 years.

In addition to being a coal miner's wife, I am also a coal miner's daughter, granddaughter, daughter-in-law, sister and aunt. My dad was a Peabody Coal "company man" who worked in the underground mines for Peabody for more than 30 years. He died in 2000 of lung cancer, and I miss him terribly. I remember the conversations he and his men would have about coal, and how proud they were in having met or exceeded the goals of production. They were proud of, and dedicated to, the work they did for Peabody Coal. Some of his men, no doubt, have letters addressed to you in this file.

It will be devastating for these retired miners to lose the benefits promised to them by Peabody Coal. It will be devastating for my family as well. Words cannot adequately convey the sense of betrayal I have at the thought that the company that these men gave the best years of their lives to, and helped make the most prosperous in the nation and in the world, would break its promises made throughout the years to these men and cast them aside without hesitation or regret. It's wrong.

Please consider our families in any decisions you make in this case with regard to the miners' retiree benefits. These benefits were hard earned and should be the responsibility of Peabody Coal. Peabody should not be allowed to rid itself of its UMWA retiree obligations as a result of the Patriot Coal bankruptcy. Nobody in my family ever worked for Patriot Coal.

Sincerely,

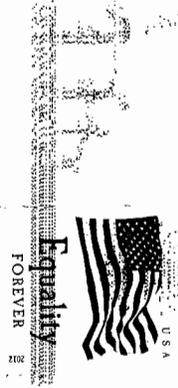
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