

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt – States

RE: Case No. 12-51502

Thomas F Eagleton US Courthouse

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St. Louis, MO 63102

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Dear Judge Surratt:

I've worked in the coal mines for 18 years (Federal No. 2, Blacksville, WV). My dad worked in the mines for 37 years along with my grandfather and several uncles. My grandfather died in 1950 with both legs cut off due to diabetes. He had UMWA healthcare then and they took very good care of him. Also, my dad died in 2003 of heart related problems. He also had UMWA healthcare, which took care of all his medical costs. Both would not have lived as long as they did, without this coverage.

I have had cancer three times (melanoma and lymphoma); with UMWA healthcare and I could not have had the treatments to survive without it, as the costs were great.

When Peabody spun off of Patriot, the guys I work with all said that somewhere down the road they were going to stick it to us. Why would a company spin off of a mine that makes 60 to 90 million dollars a year without a reason?

It would be a shame if all the retirees lost their healthcare, because for some, that's all they have.

When you make your decision, please think of all the men that fought and died for these benefits. We have, over the years gave up higher wages so we would have these benefits when we retire.

Patriot Coal wants to gut our contract and take everything that we have worked for all these years. The only thing they really want to accomplish is to get rid of the UMWA!!!! So they can do whatever they want.

Also, our federal government needs to change the laws, to stop these big corporations from filing bankruptcy and make them live up to their obligations to their workers.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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