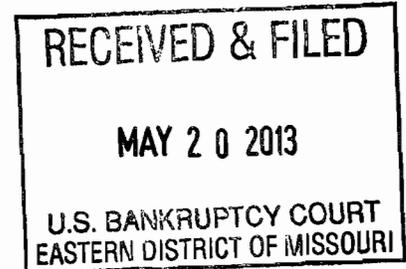


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The Honorable Kathy A. Surrat-States
RE: Case No. 12-51502
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Your Honor, Judge Kathy A. Surrat-States:

I am writing like so many others have about the loss of the miners medical insurance and pension.

My grandpa fought for this union on Blair Mountain where lives were lost. It seems having a union that protects workers has been impossible in this country. This is a working man's way to back him up in trouble.

We do not need companies like Patriot Coal taking this from the hard working coal miners and their families. We need to keep our justice and freedom in the USA. Patriot bought the company from Peabody, the whole company, not just part of it, and has to keep their promise to provide for the workers and their families.

Also my dad, a former coal miner who is now deceased, and my grandfather, also deceased, retired from the mines as working union men and had medical coverage & received their pensions; which is the American thing to do. My husband also worked in the mines and retired with full retiree benefits including insurance and a reliable pension.

Please do not let Patriots take this all away. There are so many people in America who do not have any insurance now and are dying because of the cost of medication and hospitalization. Our union men worked for this; do not let them lose it please. We are a strong bloodline of union coal workers who each love their brothers who have always had to fight for what they got and believed in.

The American way should always be free; so says our Constitution. That is what our fore-fathers believed in also.

Thank you very much,

Sincerely,

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