

Hon. Kathy A. Swarth, States.

a few months ago I wrote you a letter. I worked for Peabody Coal for all my life. I was given away to a new made-up coal co. Called Patriot after I retired, all this was done in Peabody's office. a short time later this made-up new coal company went bankrupt.

I guess I can understand you giving or allowing Patriot to give their executives over 6-million dollars to split up among themselves in a form of a bonus. What I can't understand is that you agreed to most all of Patriots request except one. Patriot wanted to sue Peabody coal co, and according to my understanding you threw that request out,

Peabody and Patriot are celebrating today. There are smiles all around. I'm sure they opened some fine wine last night and had a big laugh on how this well thought plan worked out.

There are also many tears from

The People that worked all their lives for this insurance. I believe you laid down a decision that will lead to hard ship for so many people. Many will die from stress and worry. Many called me last night crying. Patriot, Peabody, or Yourself will not see or hear these words, see the tears, or see the deaths.

I'm certain it will not stop here. I'm sure many companies were paying attention to Peabody and Patriot and your decision. The rich guys won again.

I appreciate your position, and respect your authority. I'm a Vietnam Veteran, I learned respect many years ago. I do not respect your decision to side totally with Peabody and Patriot.

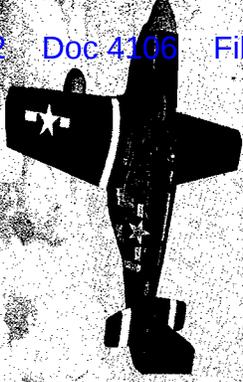
I know God is looking down and he sees the injustice. I put my fate in his hands.

God bless

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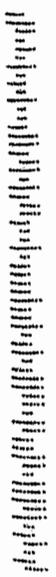
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