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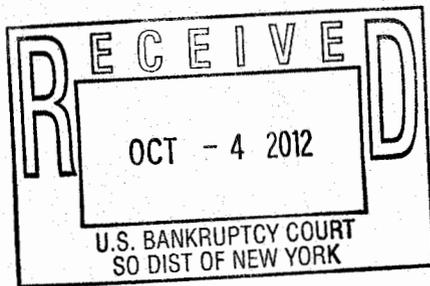
I am Jackie H. Butler. I am a retiree from Peabody and Eastern Associated coal with 24 ½ years in the mines. I operated the miner that cut the coal. I used all the safety procedures and equipment that the company provided and I still have black lung.

I need to use a nebulizer five or six times a day. I also have high blood pressure, arthritis, back, neck and stomach problems. I have scars on my back from working in 38" of coal and I am 6'2". The cuts on my back never healed until Affinity closed and I was called to work at Wharton in 5' of coal.

Miners in West Virginia just wanted to make a better life, have a good home for their family and a better education for the children. We made billions for Eastern Associated and Peabody Coal companies. Now it is time for the companies to honor their agreement with their retirees.

This case should be sent to Charleston West Virginia, where they can see all the miners face to face. Wanting to have the case out of state is a plan that was put into place years ago by Eastern, Peabody and Patriot Lawyers. This is an attempt to get rid of their responsibility to the West Virginia miners that made them Billions.

Thank you for your time and trouble in this matter.



Sincerely yours,

Jackie Butler

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