

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

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States,

Please allow me to take a few minutes of your time and introduce myself and my family. My name is Larry Garland and my wife is Susan Garland. We have two children Joshua Garland (deceased) and Sarah Garland D'Atri and one grandchild Olivia D'Atri. I've enclosed a recent photograph of my family so you can put faces to the names and story. I'm the old guy on the left, then my son-in-law Joshua, my daughter Sarah, and my wife Susan holding our granddaughter Olivia.

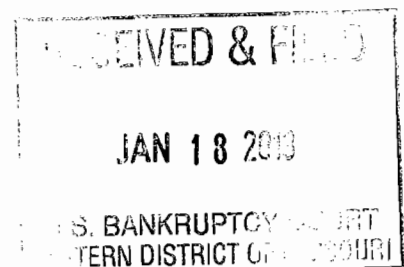
My wife Susan was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in 1991. The disease has gradually taken away her ability to stand and walk, sit upright for more than a few hours, greatly reduced her energy levels, she can't read without the aid of a magnifier, feel her fingers and toes, and control her bladder and bowel functions. While her physical problems are hard to deal with we can't imagine where she would be if we hadn't had the ability to provide her with first rate medical care. The medical care Susan has received was provided through retiree healthcare benefits from my employment with Peabody Coal Company. We are also fortunate that thanks to the retiree pension and healthcare benefits and my social security benefits I've been able to retire and stay at home to care for Susan. We are all afraid what the future will hold if we lose the medical insurance that we have come to rely on so heavily.

I'm so sorry that we find ourselves in this position and that you have to bear the burden of judgment. Your decision will mean a financial loss for shareholders that elected to invest their hard earned dollars with the companies responsible for this lawsuit. While for those on the other side of the lawsuit your decision will certainly mean a hardship for the remainder of their lives and for some shorten what life that remains. I believe in my heart that after reviewing the evidence and hearing the presentations from both sides you possess the wisdom and strength to arrive at a decision that will result in a fair and equitable solution to this important issue. May God bring you inner peace, understanding, and clarity.

Sincerely,

Larry Garland Family

Larry Garland



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