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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Honorable Kathy A. Durratt-

My name is Delbert Richie. I worked 33 years for Peabody Coal Co. All my life I have given my very best efforts performing task on the job site. Peabody Coal Co. ask me at a very young age to even do more. Peabody ask me to be a member of their First-aid and mine Rescue teams. I spent several months at my own expense training to be an emergency medical technician. I trained and served on these teams for 33 years for Peabody. Many times I was asked to leave my home and family risking life and limb in my mine-rescue efforts. I received no extra income for this sacrifice. I continued working 8-12 hours a day 6 and 7 days a week in the dark coal mines. I finally after 33 years of devoted labor came out to see the sunshine. I retired in Jan. of 2006 from Peabody Coal Co.

I was proud of my labor, I was proud of my medals awarded me in

my service in Vietnam. I was also tired. I have given my life in service to my country and Peabody Coal Co. I made an oath to my country, and a promise to Peabody Coal to be the best I could be.

Today I receive a modest Pension and at the age of 63 a modest Social Security check. My wife worked as a Registered Nurse for 19 years. 3 years ago she had a severe heart attack. This heart attack destroyed some of her heart muscles. Today she has very little energy. My wife can't work today because of her medical conditions.

We can't survive without the medical insurance I was promised by Peabody Coal Co. Peabody profits billions of dollars for their share holders. I just pray Peabody would realize their promise to miners like me who worked so hard to earn Peabody their profit. Peabody is successful today because of our hard work and sacrifice.

I can honestly say I have never worked a day for Patriot Coal Company. All my years of service was for Peabody Coal Co. I received a letter from Peabody Coal Co. The letter stated that I and my wife was given to a new company called Patriot. The 33 years of labor, risking my life on many mine disasters, and not seeing sun light for 33 years was all given to a spin-off Patriot Coal Co. I felt be-trayed by a company I had sacrificed so much for. I kept my promise for 33 years. Many times during these 33 years, myself and my co-workers was asked to make a sacrifice in wages and benefits, so Peabody could stay a-float. Each and every time we agreed to these request, which meant a reduction in wages and benefits. Peabody promised us each time they would be there for us in our re-tirement years.

Today Peabody and their Created new Company called Patriot want to pay me to me and my wife. I kept my promise. Peabody wants the Courts to make it possible for them to break their promise in order to show a little more profit for their Share holders.

Me and my wife will be destroyed if we lose our insurance coverage. I will go to my grave and meet my maker knowing I did it right.

In closing, I just pray you would close your eyes. Imagine I'm your dad. Imagine my dis-abled wife is your mom. Imagine a very Powerful, rich Coal Company is on an agenda to take away your Dad and moms medical cards and dis-tray their lives. Now, how would that make you feel?

Peabody will continue to earn their billions, and their Share holders will continue to see great returns on their investments, I truly hope they do. I want Peabody to be successful. I also hope and pray Peabody keeps its Promise to the hard working men

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and women who gave it their
best so Peabody could exist today.

Thank you so much

Sincerely
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P.S. My deceased son was also
on our medical card. I'm sending
you the 2 articles from the Peabody
Pulse magazine.

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