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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

The Honorable
Kathy A. Surratt - States

I am writing this letter in regards to the recent bankruptcy case of Patriot Coal.

I hope you will take time to read this letter. I'm sure you will probably receive thousands.

I'm a retiree of the company, I went to work right out of high school for Eastern Ass. Coal Corp. I went into service, and returned back after serving my tour came back in 1972. I worked for them until I retired, although Peabody

acquired the company in later years.

A few years ago I received a letter informing me, that a company called Patriot Coal Corporation, had took over, I told my my wife at that time something was up, I hoped I was wrong but I sure wasn't.

I never worked a day in my life for Patriot Coal. I feel they certainly isn't bankrupt, all their doing is not honoring their responsibilities. In return they will just be making more money.

Yours Honor, if they are allowed to do this, what in God's name, will the honest person like me do?

I'm sure the government
won't help us, do we go on welfare
I'm sure that my self and
thousands of others have no
desire to do so.

We could not not buy
groceries on this, let alone
pay our bills. Also we both
have different health issues
if we loose our hospital
cards. I don't know what
we would do. In short
your honor, my wife and I
are worried sick over this.

Are we to loose everything
I've worked for, for 32
years? Your Honor, I write
this letter with the
utmost respect for you
and your job.

I hope you will consider
what I have written
you!

Respectfully Yours
Larry A. Howerton



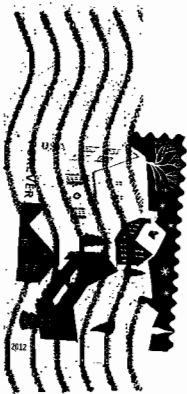
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