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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

To The Bankruptcy Judge

I am writing this letter in hopes of shedding some light on this case. My husband (Dallas Preece) has worked 35 years in the UMW in hopes of retiring with what was promised to him so he could live out his days being secure in what was promised to him, being his retirement and healthcare. While working below non union wages he strived to complete his time in for retirement. He gave his best to his employer and now the employer wants to turn their backs on him. They say the rising price of healthcare is part of the reason they want to get out of their agreement with the UMW but

the price of coal went up with that. Every contract book from 1978 and before states what pension and healthcare you will get and its in writing that Patriot agreed to this. Our lives have revolved around coal mining because we believed we had good security knowing that we could live good with the contracts that were all signed. If this bankruptcy is allowed to take place, we will have no future and the rich will walk away free again. We do not want anything except for what Dallas was promised, no more and no less. I am asking that you please help all of us involved in this suit. We only want what is right. Please dont let them

walk away and throw us to the side, please. I pray that God will influence your decision to do what is right. Hobet Mining (a subsidiary of Patriot Coal) has been a part of our lives for many years and Dallas has given them the best years of his life. Dallas is only 54, and myself 53, he could retire now because he has 35 years in but he can't retire now because we would have no health insurance and we couldn't afford to get any. We would have to wait until he is 55 because that is in the contract with Patriot Coal. We are too young for medicare and we rely on what was promised to Dallas. We are now getting to the senior age and it's terrible not knowing what

your future holds. Its a scary thought that we could end up with nothing. We only ask for what is right. Dallas kept his word and they should keep theirs 35 years is a long time to work in coal mining and now hes not able to go to work somewhere else. Its too late in life. Please help us. We pray that the right thing will be done. Our trust is in you.

Thank You for listening,
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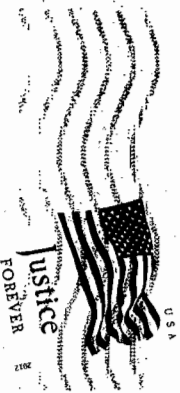
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