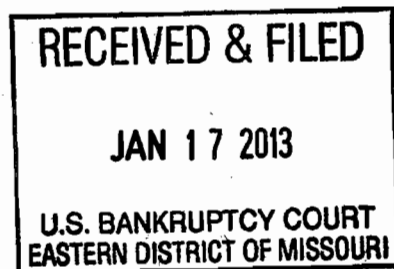


TO: The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

I would like to say I really did enjoy the 23½ years I worked for Patriot. I started when it was Zapata and then Sharples, Hobet, Magnum and others. We never had a work stoppage all the time I worked there. I am retired now and my wife and I would be sorely decimated if we lost our hospital and prescriptions benefits. Please take into consideration older folks like us when you consider the bankruptcy case with Patriot Coal.

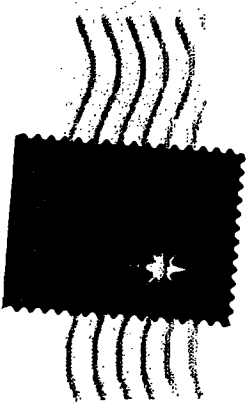
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