

RECEIVED & FILED

JAN 17 2013

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

To the Honorable Judge Surratt,

Hope you can read this writing for  
I'm no typist.

I am writing to you concerning the  
upcoming bankruptcy hearing of Patriot  
Coal.

I started with Eastern Associated Coal  
in 1971 fresh out of the military. Since  
then the company has changed to Pea-  
body Coal and then to the spin-off  
to Patriot Coal but everything remained  
the same. Same paycheck, same offices,  
same everything except name on checks.

It has been rumored that Patriot  
was created to fail to rid Peabody of  
the obligations of retirees & widows.  
Although this would be hard to prove,  
I'm sure you know how big companies  
plan for years ahead instead of days  
or weeks.

I'm sure you know of the suffering  
and death of our fathers and grandfathers  
who fought for the U.M.W.A. so we  
could work in safer and better conditions.

Now the company is trying to get  
rid of their obligations to us, after they  
are through with our skills and labor.

I'm sure you know how devastating it would be for some people to lose their hospitalization. I myself am on four medications and my wife is on several herself.

I took early retirement after working 33 years, just to keep my insurance.

When my income dropped over \$2000.00 a month was one hardship, and now Patriot wants to lay another one on our backs.

I only ask that you take these things in consideration on your ruling. I know you have to follow the law but maybe you can find a way to make Patriot fulfill their agreement to their employees.

We are not something that is used and thrown away when through.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Connie L. Bailey

C.L. Bailey

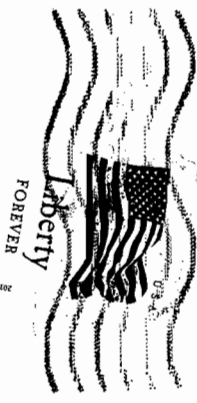
*C.T. Bauley  
501 Rock House Rd.  
Festus, Mo. 63102-25865*

2013 JAN 17 AM 10:59

CLERK, US BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI - MO

*The Honorable Matthew A. Stewart, States  
Re: Case No. 12-51502  
Thomas F. Sappleton 21 Courthouse  
111 South 10th Street 4th Floor  
St. Louis, Mo. 63102*

14 JAN 2013 PM 31



63102112599

