

January 13, 2012  
3550 St. Rt. 120W  
Providence, KY 42450

Honorable Kathy A Surratt-States  
111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor  
St. Louis, MO 63102

Dear Judge Surratt-States;

My name is Alan R. Perkins and I have been disabled from Peabody Coal Company since 2004. In 1973 at the age of 18 I started working for Peabody at its Camp # 1 mine in Morganfield, KY. In 1976, at that same mine, I was seriously injured in a mining accident. After being ran over by a shuttle car, I was left with two broken hips, a crushed pelvis, a broken left leg, and internal injuries. Since that time I have had numerous operations including two hip replacements of the left hip, surgery on both shoulders, and both hands. I have also developed arthritis for which I see a doctor every 2-3 months and take medications.

At the ripe old age of 49 years, after 34 years working for them, I was forced to retire from Peabody due to my disabilities. Since then I have become very limited in what I can and cannot do. My wife of 40 years also has health issues which consist of high blood pressure and arthritis for which she takes medications daily. Should we lose our insurance and my pension she would be forced to go to work. She has been a housewife most of her life and has no formal training. At the age of 57, jobs will be very limited and pay a very low wage. We depend on the health insurance and pension I was promised from Peabody.

I have never held a job in my adult life with any other employer other than Peabody Coal--this includes Patriot. I have never received a paycheck from anyone other employer other than Peabody Coal--this includes Patriot. I feel Peabody should uphold their contractual obligations to provide health insurance and a pension. I feel that Peabody mortgaged our lives to mine their coal and get rich and now they are refusing to pay that mortgage. They should be made to hold fast to the promises and obligations they made to me and my fellow workers.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Your consideration of our rights as retirees of Peabody Coal will be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Alan R. Perkins*

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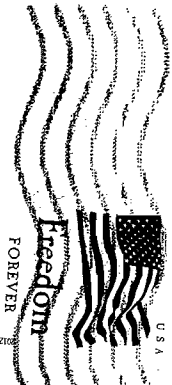
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