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January 14, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
Thomas F. Hegleton U. S. Courthouse
111 South 10th Street
St. Louis, MO 63102

In Re: Case 12-51502

Dear Judge Surratt-States,

I am 82 years old, a retired employee of Peabody Coal Company, having worked for them from 1958 to 1986. If Peabody Coal had not ceased operations at the Tebo Mine, I would have worked longer. I have been a member in good standing of the United Mine Workers of America for over fifty years.

At the age of 61 my health began to deteriorate. Until then I had led a productive life. Over the past 21 years, I have had heart surgery, back surgery, and hip replacement. The hip replacement complicated by osteo-arthritis at the age of 72 has limited my activity. At age 80 I was diagnosed with Diabetes 2. The medication for that alone \$146,25 a month. My wife of sixty years had breast surgery in 2011 followed by chemotherapy and radiation.

I can honestly say that until age 61, I worked hard, was a good steward of my money, and never misused or took advantage of the medical benefits that I received.

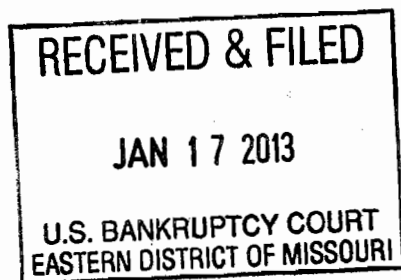
Upon retirement from Peabody Coal, I was covered by the provisions of the 1974 contract. Again and again we were assured of our pension check and medical coverage.

At this time of our lives, with declining health, the loss of our benefits would be a very discouraging blow. It would be a difficult challenge for us to find suitable supplemental insurance and maintain our life-long reputation to owe no-one.

Thank you for considering the circumstances that are involved as we face no medical insurance and a monthly pay check that I worked long, hard hours to receive.

Respectfully yours,

Robert O. Barrett
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