

TO THE HONORABLE
KAYHY A. SURRATT-STATES

I WORKED MOST OF MY LIFE IN OR AROUND COAL MINEING, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT I WOULD HAVE HEALTH INSUANCE WHEN I RETIRED. NOW I UNDERSTAND THAT PATRIOT COAL IS TRYING TO SHED ITSELF OF ITS OBLIGATION. TO ITS RETIREES, WIDOWS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS,

NOW THAT WE ARE OLD, WE NEED OUR HEALTH CARE WORSE THAN BEFOR WE RETIRED SO PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN TO THE MINERS THAT WORKED FOR WHAT THEY AGREED TO, UNDER THE UMWA CONTRACT. DO NOT CAST US AWAY LIKE AN OLD WARN OUT DISH RAG.

SINCERELY YOURS
WILLIAM R. ALESHIRE



