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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

JAN. 15, 2013

Honorable Bankruptcy Judge,
This letter is in reference to the filing
of the Coal operators bankruptcy of Patriot
Coal.

My husband retired with 37 years of
service and not 1 day for Patriot Coal. It
just seems so unfair that anyone not having
worked for this company can be included in the
fight. But if this is the way its going to be
then we will fight to the end just like our
grandfathers, fathers, Brothers, Uncles, Cousins
etc. have did in the past.

It is so sad to hear and see these
older people worrying about getting doctors
care as most of them have health related
problems due to the coal industry. All of
the old hard working miners I have known and
some still alive are bent over from crawling
around in low coal mines for years and can't
get a good deep breath due to all the coal dust
they have breathed working for union wages and getting
satisfaction that they would always have health
care for themselves and their families, now its a
shame what they have to sit around and worry
about because most of them are not healthy

Enough to do much of anything else.

These hard working people didn't get to sit behind a desk with their fancy suits on all day long. They are broken down now from numerous coal mining accidents and gasping for air!

I understand that the price of health care has gotten out of hand but I do know that the old folks I see and help take care of everyday does not abuse the system in anyway. These people are tough, old, hard working men and women that have always worked hard.

I only hope that the Court and Judges can help the UMWA keep the promise that these folks can lay down at night knowing that their health care will not be taken away!

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and thank you for helping us all you can.

Patty Price

Wife of Coal miner Dudley M. Price

I Am Also A Proud Coal Miners Daughter!

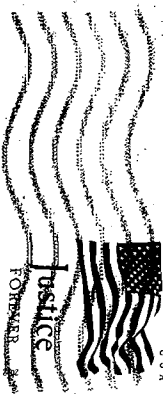
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