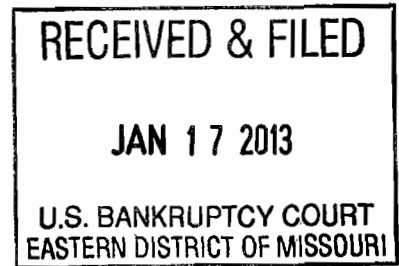


January 15, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States  
RE: Case No. 12-51502  
Thomas F. Eagleton U. S. Courthouse  
111 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
St. Louis, MO. 63102



The Honorable Surratt-States:

My name is Frank Leskovisek and I worked at Peabody Mine #10 in Kincaid, IL. for 36 years, retiring in 1996. I had been married to my wife, Sheila, for 11 years when she tragically died of cancer at the age of 28, sadly leaving behind five young children. My children and I were blessed when I married my wife, Peggy, who at the time, was a widow with a baby daughter. When we married, the ages of our children were 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, & 11, and that was 42 years ago.

Needless to say, with the large family there were many doctor, dentist, and hospital visits throughout the years. We were fortunate in having good medical and prescription coverage with Peabody.

Working in a coalmine is hard and dangerous work, but unlike many other miners, I sustained only minor injuries. However, a large piece of slate did fall on the back of my head, throwing me into the arm on my rood bolter. This accident broke my jaw and later required six bottom teeth to be removed.

Over the years both my wife and I have had several types of surgeries. But the most devastating surgeries were when my wife was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2000 and had to have a mastectomy, and I was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1998. After my prostate surgery, it was discovered that the cancer had spread to my pelvic lymph node. Because of this finding, I now have the "costly" lupron injection several times a year in order to keep the cancer in remission.

My wife and I will be 72 and 74 years of age this year. I never dreamt in a million years we would have to worry about the possibility of not having medical coverage with Patriot Coal for the duration of our lives. Therefore, when making your decision regarding Patriots bankruptcy taking away our medical coverage, please remember all of the coalminers and their families who depend on this medical coverage, which was promised by Peabody to be a LIFETIME coverage.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely, *Frank S. Leskovisek Jr.*

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