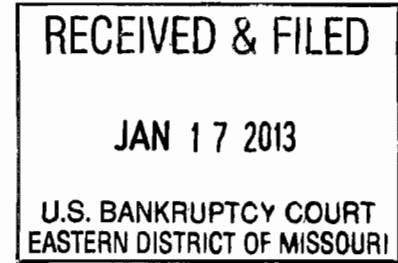


January 14, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
RE: Case Number 12-51502
Thomas F Eagleton U. S. Courthouse
111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO 63102



Dear Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States:

I am writing in regards to the bankruptcy case number 12-51502 of Patriot Coal Company. My father, Sebert Cecil Queen, worked a total of 25 years for Peabody Coal Company that was bought by Patriot Coal Company. He is deceased but is survived by my mother, Hope Glenna Queen. My mother is residing in a nursing home in Winter Garden, Florida with Alzheimer.

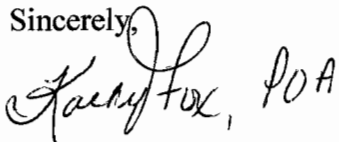
Mother requires 24 hours a day care. I am not sure what would happen if she no longer had health benefits or retirement benefits from Patriot.

My father worked hard for the coal company. He worked in good faith that these benefits would be there to cover him and his wife in their retirement. In his last days, he struggled to get the necessary air to his body, due to Black Lung that he obtained from working for Peabody.


I watched my father's health decline and now I am watching my Mother's mental health diminish with each passing day. Please do not permit Patriot Coal to forsake their responsibility to care for their retirees and their dependents.

If you allow this, my father's death will be in vain. He gave his lungs up to provide for his family. Your Honor, please see that Patriot holds up to all of their responsibility to its employees and dependents. Trusting you will be fair and just in this matter.

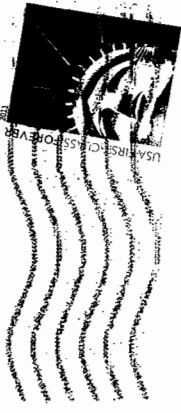
Sincerely,



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