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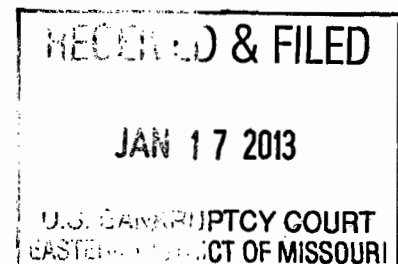
To the Bankruptcy Judge:

I am writing this letter at the request of Cecil Roberts, president of the United Mine Workers of America and of my own concern for the upcoming bankruptcy case against Patriot coal a subsidiary of Arch Coal. I worked as an underground coal miner for Arch Coal for nearly 24 years. Under the B.C.O.A contract that Arch Coal signed and agreed too, my wife and I are entitled to life time medical coverage. To allow that agreement to be diminished, tampered with or abandoned would be a great injustice to thousands of other retired coal miners like myself. We depend on medical coverage that was promised, agreed to and signed for in a contract by Arch Coal and the U.M.W.A. If a binding contract is violated and not upheld then where is the justice in that? Why bother signing a contract if you don't intend on honoring it.

I am not familiar with your background as a judge in these matters. However I hold you and your office in the greatest regard and respect. I have complete faith in you to do the right thing to protect coal miners medical benefits by ordering Patriot Coal to honor their contractual obligations. Patriot Coal may or may not be bankrupt but Arch Coal is not. Please do the honorable and right thing for coal miners that have labored to make this country strong both in peace time and in war. The Obama administration has waged war on coal; please don't let Arch Coal, Peabody and Patriot inflict greater hardship that would be devastating to thousands of hard working Americans.

Sincerely yours

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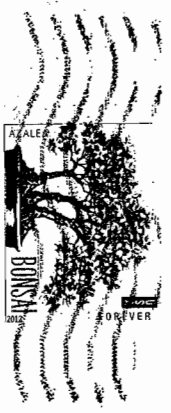
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