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

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Re: Peabody Patriot Coal bankruptcy

Hon. Kathy A. Surratt-States

~~I am writing to you out of concern for myself and others should Peabody Coal be allowed to drop insurance benefits which are rightly due to all miners that have worked for Peabody Coal Company.~~

I begin my career in mining in 1967 at the age of 18 years old. At that time, the hard working miners agreed to work under the "Cradle to Grave" agreement where we were paid lower wages, paid in union dues and thus benefited from having the peace of mind that our families would always be provided health coverage.

I provided for my family for many years through Peabody Coal before I became the victim of a mining accident. I suffered multiple back, hip and leg injuries which prohibited me from ever returning to work not only in the mines but any occupation.

Today I suffer from kidney disease along with other multiple health problems. The medication I am required to take to prevent me from going on dialysis is very expensive to say the least. Enclose is a copy of the medicines that I take daily. Without my coverage through Peabody Coal Company, I would not be able to afford the buy the medications that I need. I just found out last week that I have a blockage in my kidney that is making my kidney function deteriorate. I am in level 3 of kidney failure and if they can't remove this blockage I'm will be on level 4 of kidney failure and when it goes to level 5 I will need to be on dialysis.

Please give careful consideration to your decision and the impact that it could have on many families and communities.

Best Regards,
Tex D. Smith

NAME OF MEDICATION DOSAGE

omeprazole (Prilesec)	20 MG	ONE A DAY
RYTHMOL	150 MG	TWICE DAILY
Benicar HCT	20 MG	ONCE DAILY
clonazepam	1mg	one at bed time
POLYCITRA-K CRYSTALS		4 TIMES A DAY
MAGNESSIUM	250mg	ONCE DAILY
ZOCOR TAB	20MG	EVERY OTHER DAY
SINGULAR	10 MG	ONCE A DAY
WARFARIN SOD	5 MG	ONE A DAY
miralax	1/2 cap full	once a day
REQUIP	4 MG	ONCE DAILY
Inderal LA	80mg	once a day
VALIUM	2mg	twice a day
LASIX	40mg	2 tablets in am & 1 at

pm

fish oil omega 3 &6	1200 mg	ONE A DAY
vitamin d		ONCE DAILY
uloric	80mg	once daily
melatonin	3mg	1/2 at bedtime

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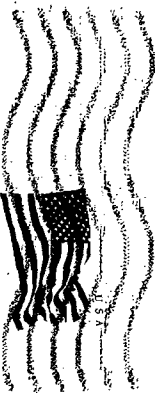
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