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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI1101 N Kelsey Street
Sturgis Kentucky 42459
January 16, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A Surratt-States,

I gave my life to Peabody Coal Company. I got up everyday (or night) and went to work for Peabody Coal and stayed in the mines extra hours day after day. I saw alot more of that underground hole at Peabody Camp Complex, Morganfield Ky than I saw of my wife and sons. Strange, but I was proud to work for Peabody Coal, I was a dedicated employee and I worked hard. I thought Peabody needed me. I gave them my back and, now, when I need them, they don't want to cover my back.

I am a retired disabled miner who counted on a pension and medical insurance for me and my wife. Like all Peabody employees, we considered these benefits the "light" at the end of a long dark tunnel, so we went day after day for years and years into that dark hole for Peabody Coal. I personally never worked one day for Patriot Coal. I retired from Peabody Coal Company and, now, they want to strip us of these benefits at a time in our lives when we can't work or get medical insurance at a rate we cannot begin to afford. We cannot pay for medical benefits for a run-down coal miner with degenerative disc disease, high BP, diabetes, neuropathy and a wife with medical problems also.

Your Honor, we are pleading with you to consider our plight. Please do not let Peabody get away with taking our

benefits by creating a spin off company (Patriot) set up to fail with 10's of 1,000's of retirees lives at stake. Peabody should be held responsible for the promises they made to me, my family and all the other miners who sacrificed for them.

Your Honor, please remember, we are not talking any ordinary job - we are talking men (women) who went underground everyday for 20-30-35 years, sometimes not seeing daylight for a month, risking their lives so

Peabody Coal could make money. Now it's their turn to sacrifice for us. We deserve it! We desperately need it!

Please don't let them get away with lying to all of us!

Liars, the Bible says, shall burn in a pit of fire!

What kind of country will we be if corporations are allowed to default on contract obligations signed by both parties? Will the American dream become the American nightmare where we cannot trust anyone?!

Please don't let Peabody take these hard-earned, promised benefits away! All of these men have worked for Peabody at some part (a big part) of their lives (not Patriot, until the past few years.), some not working for Patriot at all.

Thank you, Your Honor, for giving Peabody, Patriot and Arch employees serious consideration in this matter,

Sincerely,

Joe E. Walker
Peabody Camp #2, #11 (Local 1802)

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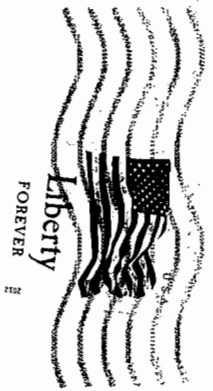
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