

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

Charles Messamore
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January 17, 2013

Dear Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

My name is Charles Messamore and I am a retired and disabled coalminer I worked for Peabody # 1 for 21 years I am like I said disabled and am bound to a wheel chair. I gave the best years of my life while working underground, everyday being in a dark, damp, gloomy and dangerous environment.

Everyday there is the possibility of methane or dust explosions, flooding or the top falling in on us. Black lung affects 2.8 percent of the coal miners I too have black lung. Mining remains the second most dangerous occupation in America. I said all of that to Say soon you will be hearing the case of Patriot Coals bankruptcy if I am informed Correctly they seek to take away our health benefits and our pensions due to their lack of Funds and the bankruptcy.

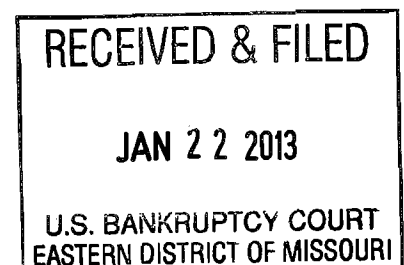
We were hired and promised our health care and pensions in our contract through Peabody coal we like so many others are a product of a spin off where Peabody shifts us to a coal company created by them for the very purpose of waiting 5 years then filing bankruptcy to rid themselves of their responsibilities

Dear Honorable Judge we are not asking for something we did not work for, we worked many hard days and years for our health care and pensions and paid into our pensions. I am nearing my last days please stand up for me and the coalminers and help us retain what is rightfully ours. Thank you so much for your time it will be greatly appreciated.

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