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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

January 19, 2013
955 State Rt. 189 So
Greenville, Ky 42343

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt, States
RE. Case # 12/51502

Honorable Kathy Surratt,

I am writing you in reference to our upcoming hearing concerning what Peabody Coal Co. is attempting to do to me the spouses and retired miners.

I have been a widow since 2004. I am 81 years old, (will be 82 - 3/11/13). I have worked throughout the years as well as my husband. I will state up front that I appreciate Peabody employing my husband, we have lived very conservatively through out the years. Raised a family and gave them an education thankfully.

My husband died, resulting from a very tragic and painful disease, called black lung, as a result of breathing all the coal dust and no enforced protection. I sat by his bedside in the hospital

for eleven months. Watching him struggle to breathe, some of this time we almost lost him during the process of trying to suction out his lungs. I never want or hope that I will have to experience this again.

Now I will say that my husband worked 39 years in the mines, part of this time under-ground and some surface. He was a good man, very dedicated to his job, and always there rain or snow. I am appalled at what Peabody is attempting to do to us, after the promise that they would always see that the miners and spouses would get their benefits and retirement.

I just don't know what I will do if I lose these things, that my husband worked for. God forbid that my children would have to take care of me as their future does not look so good.

I pray that you will take all our problems into consideration, and help us in this crisis. God bless you and I will be praying for you that you will make the right decision. Also I do know that my

Husband is looking down at all of this
and saying, "Muriel don't worry, God will
take care of you, and things will work out."

Again I say, God bless, and I will
continue to pray for all parties concerned.

Sincerely yours,
Muriel Curdiss

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