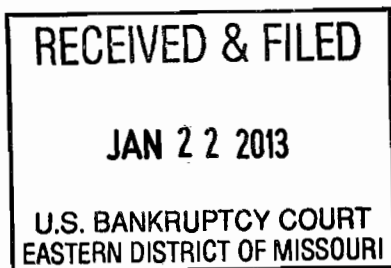


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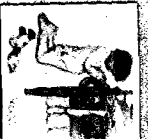
The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States  
RE: Case No. 12-51502  
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse  
111 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
St. Louis, Mo. 63102

SUBJECT: Patroit Coal Bankruptcy

I began working in the coal mines in 1973 for Eastern Associated Coal. Then Peabody Coal bought EACC out. I worked underground, as a laborer, a greaser, a mechanic, a electrician. Then in 1978 EACC built wells complex cleaning plant. I went to a electrician job on the new Wells Plant. I worked there until I had to retire in 2000. It was a good place to work. I and my wife Wilma raised 6 children. Now we are raising 2 grand children, ages girl 15, boy 11, both in high school. I'm 72 and my wife is 63. It is a hard job at our age. We live on my retirement from EACC and Peabody Coal and social security. We have no extra. As for Health Care and Hospitalization, myself I have Medicare and BCBS from where I retired from, Peabody Coal, and their contract with the UMWA. MY dependents, Wife and 2 adopted children only have Blue Cross Blue Shield health Insurance, from Peabody COAL under the UMWA contract. We cannot afford to lose this Ins. We should not. And I never even worked for Patroit Coal. And I live very close to the same Preparation Plant and Mines that I retired from, and they are still in operation, and producing coal every day. I pray that you will see what this bankruptcy is all about, and do the right thing. This kind of behavior of Giant Corporations is what's wrong and destroying our economy. Please, Please, take a deep and hard look at Patroit Coal's Restructuring Bankruptcy. I pray that you can find it in your mind and heart to not let Peabody & Patroit Coal do away with retired miners pensions, health Ins., widows and childrens health Insurance. They signed a contract and they should have to abide and live up to it. Like I said, I never worked for Patroit, only Peabody. May "GOD" BE WITH YOU AND HELP YOU MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION.

Thank you very much.  
Yours Sincerely  
Luther G. Bennett Sr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luther G. Bennett Sr.".



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