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To the Bankruptcy Judge:  
Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States  
Re: Case NO. 12-51502

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

This letter is in regards of the Bankruptcy Patriot Coal Corporation has against the UMWA.

I am proud to be a UMWA member.

Promises were made that the Health care to UMWA retirees, widows and their dependents would be for life

My husband was a UMWA member of District 17, Local 2935. He began work at the Sharples, W.V. mines 1955. He retired 1994 due to work related physical problems. The mine name changed so many times I couldn't keep up with which name to call the company. He was a dedicated worker and went to work when he wasn't able to.

My husband, Russell deceased in 2009, thinking I would be covered with a pension and have health care for the rest of my life. If these coal operators are permitted to break their promises, this would be a great disaster for all of us who have been dependent on the promises of retirement security which our fathers and grandfathers fought for so many years ago.

I have been a widow now for four years. I am seventy seven years old. I have health problems. It is a shock, especially the condition myself and others are in, to even think of not being able to get the care we so desperately need.

Thank you for taking the time to  
read this letter.

A very concerned widow of:

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