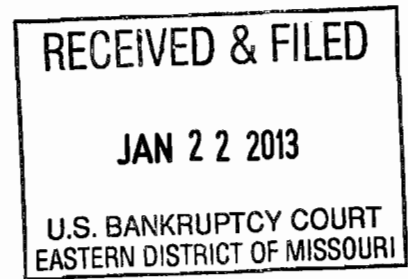


January 15, 2013

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



Dear Judge Kathy A. Surratt-States:

With all due respect, I write this letter. I am the widow of Howard Fred Germann, a retired welder for Peabody Coal. Howard served faithfully for 24 years, giving his very best for the opportunity to work for Peabody Coal. We were always so grateful for the benefits received and promised us for his dedication. Even though many times things were very difficult, he continued, knowing that he was giving his best so his family would receive the benefits of working for the mine.

On March 25, 2013, I will be 97 years old. These benefits are very important to me, for my health and well-being, as they are for all the miners and their families being affected by this bankruptcy.

Thank you in advance for all you are able to do to help us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ophelia K. Germann".

Ophelia K. Germann
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Millstadt, IL 62260

*Debbie K. Hermann
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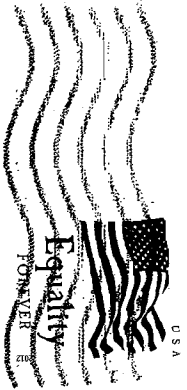
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