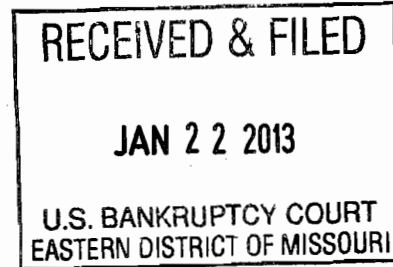


January 15, 2013

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



The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States:

My name is Robert Bruce Arnett and I am writing to you regarding the bankruptcy case of Patriot Coal Corporation. I retired from Peabody Energy in March of 2007 after thirty-six years of employment. During this time, which involved numerous contract negotiations, the union members were promised health care for life and a pension.

I planned my future retirement accordingly due to these contract promises. I retired at the age of fifty-five to help my wife care for our totally disabled adult daughter, age thirty-one, diagnosed with cerebral palsy, mental impairment, and a seizure disorder. We have always cared for our daughter at home, and as we age, we do this as a team. This is a twenty-four hour, seven day a week commitment from us that we do with love. I am concerned how losing benefits will affect our family dynamics; e.g. caring for Mindy, looking for employment.

I am sixty-one and a fifteen year cancer survivor. My wife is fifty-nine and being treated for an autoimmune problem. We have not reach Medicare age and if Patriot Coal is permitted to forego honoring these promises, then my family will not have health care or a pension.

I am appealing to you to hold Patriot Coal to the promises made to UMWA members.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Arnett".

Robert Bruce Arnett
UMWA
Local 1570
District 31

