

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

Re. Case No. 12-51502

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

I started working for Eastern Coal Company as a teenager with my Father at Kopperston No. 1 mine in Southern West Virginia.

I worked and gave the coal mines the best years of my life. Yes, I was paid for my time and yes I could have gotten a different job. But, coal mining is all I ever knew. It is all my family knew. Most importantly, I thought that by signing the contract agreement after I retired I would get to keep my insurance and receive a pension.

There is now a terrifying threat that miners may lose their insurance and pension. We are on fixed incomes and not able to do manual labor as we once did. The years of strength and durability have now become weakness and dependability. After retiring the effects of those years remain with me. For the first several years after retiring, I still would cough up black expectorant.

The companies signed agreements with coal miners.

I looked up the term agreement: An arrangement between parties regarding a course of action; a covenant. 4. Law. a. A properly executed and legally binding contract. To me this means a promise, so I looked up promise: A binding declaration that a person will do a certain act, which gives the person receiving the promise the right to expect performance. .

Please help us. Don't let them take what little we have left. Thank you for taking the time to read our letters and concerns.

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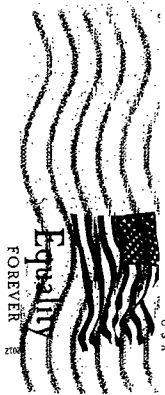
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