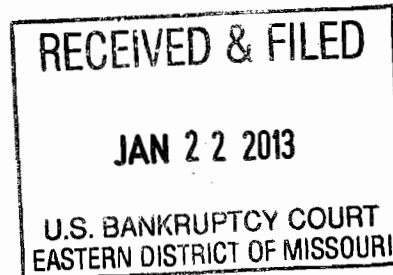


January 15, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse
111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO 63102



Re: Case No. 12-51502

Dear Judge Surratt-States:

I am writing in regards to the above case concerning the bankruptcy hearing of Patriot Coal Company. I am a disabled retiree from this company.

If Patriot receives a favorable ruling in this matter, it will be totally devastating to me and many other people in my position. I live on a fixed income of which my retirement check is a significant portion. Also the insurance benefits I receive play a vital role in affording the health care I need. I have a vast array of health problems, some of which were actually caused from working in the mines for this company. I have broken vertebrae in my neck and lower back that resulted from an accident when a hill gave way while I was running a piece of equipment for Patriot. I have other health problems that require regular care and checkups. I have had prostate cancer, I have a pacemaker, and I have high blood pressure just to mention a few. There is absolutely no way I could afford my prescriptions and keep up with my regular health care without the benefits I receive from Patriot. As a result, my life could actually be shortened as a direct result of this company renegeing on its promises.

Also, my son and son-in-law are also retirees of this company. Their families rely on the income they receive from Patriot. They deserve to have this continue as they gave this company the best years of their lives as young men with the understanding a sure income would be provided for them in their older years.

I believe it is only fair that they are required to pay the benefits they agreed to provide when they signed the contract with the UMWA. If I sign a contract with someone, I am expected to honor it. It is only just that the companies in this country are held to the same standard. After all, it is the workers like me that enabled these companies to become wealthy.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Noble E. Pritt".

Noble E. Pritt
P. O. Box 683
Poca, WV 25159

cc: The Honorable Joe Manchin, III
The Honorable Shelley Capito
The Honorable John Jay Rockefeller
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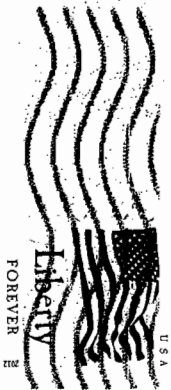
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