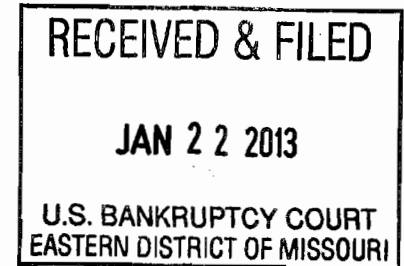


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The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States  
Ref: Case #: 12-51502  
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse  
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The Honorable Surratt-States,

I am writing this letter for my mother Anna F. Meredith; it is in reference to the ongoing Patriot bankruptcy case (please see the above mention case number). My Dad worked for Peabody - Gibraltar Coal Mines for 38 years. Upon his retirement he was promised that he and my mother would receive a pension and medical insurance for the rest of their lives. My Dad is now deceased and my mother depends on the pension and insurance to live. Like my Dad Mom continues to pay the yearly dues just like he did when he worked at Gibraltar, she feels that it is her duty as a member to continue to support the UMWA Local 12.

Here is our main concern over the bankruptcy case that is in front of you now. Mom has renal cell carcinoma; in 1991 her right kidney was removed, then in August of 2006 the right middle lobe of her lung was removed because the cancer had moved up into both lungs. She now has to go to Vanderbilt Medical Center every six (6) months for scans, blood work and to see the cancer doctor. Should these coal companies win their bankruptcy case and be allowed to do away with breaking the promises that were made to my Dad and the other members, she will no longer be able to continue with the medical check-ups that she currently receives, at some point we know that this cancer will move to her brain or bones, if that happens then her medical care will be even greater. If and when this happens and she doesn't have the insurance that she has now then she won't be able to afford the treatments that she would have to take. Mom can't afford to purchase a supplement insurance that is why this case is a "**major concern**" for us and her.

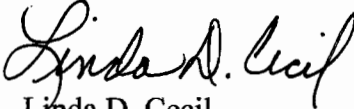
Also, if it wasn't for Dad's pension I truly don't see how Mom could survive a month. She receives a social security check off my Dad; she didn't work that much outside of the home to build up a good social security amount for herself. As food, gas bills, electric bills, medications and other living expenses continue going up there is no way that she could survive. This is just one case of a hardship should you grant their request for bankruptcy; just imagine the 90% of the members that have to depend on their pensions and insurance to survive. These men gave their lives and souls to these coal companies, some came down with "black lung" just like my dad did and I'm sure that there are a lot more people that have worse medical conditions than my Mom

My Dad was loyal to Peabody, Gibraltar and the UMWA and I feel that they should hold up to their end of the bargain. There will be so many members hurt if this bankruptcy goes through. Men that have given their lives and health to the companies that they have worked for. Widows that have lost their husbands because of their work, that now need the pensions and insurance just to continue to live. Most members spouses don't receive enough in social security to even pay their monthly bills, I know it would be hard for Mom to survive if she didn't have my Dad's pension, and the insurance to get her through each month.

So, Your Honor I'm asking you to please really consider what this Peabody, Arch and Patriot bankruptcy would do to so many people and their lives make them **keep their promise** that they made to my Dad and the other members, **it's the only right thing to do.**

Thank you for reading my letter, and I really appreciate the time and effort that you will put into this case.

Sincerely,

  
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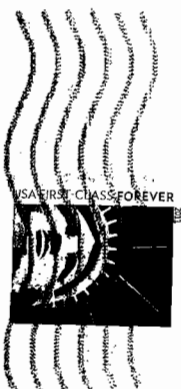
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