

The Honorable Kathy Surratt-States:

My name is Roger Walker I worked for Peabody Coal/River Queen Mine for twenty-two years. We were promised when we retired that we would receive our medical benefits and pensions for life. Due to bad health I can no longer do the kind of work which I once performed. I have black lung and rheumatoid arthritis which I have suffered with for a number of years now. I have had numerous joints replaced or repaired due to this disease and have also developed several heart problems over the past five years. I have had stints put in and a pacemaker put in as of 2012. With all of this being said we at least thought that we could count on our medical benefits and health insurance being there during the times that we needed them the most. This had helped to give us some sense of peace of mind knowing that we could at least survive with our medical benefits and pension from Peabody Coal/River Queen Mine. Your Honor, it is not that we want a free ride, this was something that we were promised and many of us worked our whole lives for. The treatments that I must take for my R.A. every month cost over \$5,000 per treatment and there is not anyway in which I am able to even provide a co-pay for those treatments without the medical benefits that I and many others have come to rely on. The cost of my ongoing R.A. treatment coupled with my continuing heart and black lung problems have had such a serious strain upon our family's finances that I fear I may no longer be able to continue with my needed medical treatments and my doctor's have advised me that this may indeed end up costing me my life. I have a family with a wife, children and grandchildren whom I love dearly. I cannot bear the thought of losing my life and the time which I have left with them due to broken promises that Peabody/River Queen Mine has made to us. I ask You Honor that you would hold Peabody/River Queen Mine personally responsible for their promises made to us many years ago, the promise that in our retirement years, that we could be confident in the fact

that the pension and health benefits which we worked so hard for would be there for us when we needed them the most. Thank for your time in reading this letter and I trust that you will use your best judgment in the deliberation of this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger C. Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Roger C. Walker

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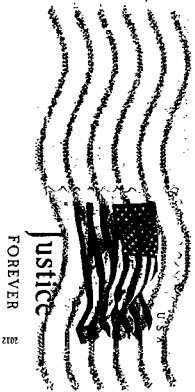
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