

To The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - States

My name is Robert C. Maynard and I am 55 years old as of Nov. 4, 2012. I have 18½ years service at mining coal. 2½ years for Arch Coal at the Dal-Tex mine, 7 years at Princess Beverly mine - which shut down because of bankruptcy and was owned by Addington Brothers of Ky. who are still mining under another name (Appalachian Fuels) at that time and I have 9 yrs at the Hobet 21 mine.

I was looking forward to being able to retire somewhere between the age of 55 to 62. Some call this the American Dream I guess.

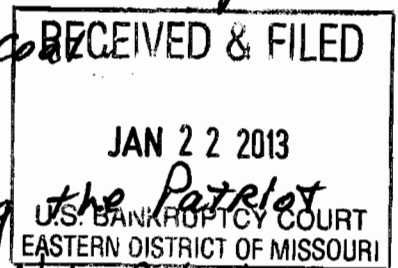
The Dal-Tex (Old Hickory) mine at Sharples WV shut down for a period of 1 year or more and then started mining under another company name which was still owned by Arch Coal. While Princess Beverly mine was under Chapter 11, Addington Brothers started mining under the name of Appalachian Fuels at Boomer WV and at Fox WV.

And now Patriot Coal's Hobet 21 mine is under Chapter 11 which is owned by Arch Coal and Peabody Coal. You know what they want to do.

Please look at what they did by forming the Patriot Company with intention to do what is going on now with the Chapter 11. Please Don't let this happen.

Consider ½ Retiros to Arch Coal - ½ to Peabody - and make Patriot honor the contract they signed with UMWA.

Thank You Robert C. Maynard



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