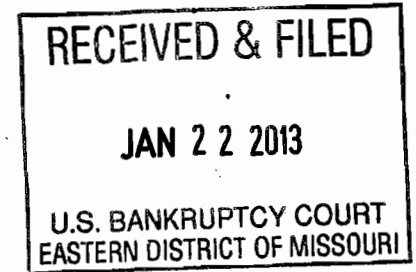


The Honorable
Kathy A. Surratt-State
Re: Case No. 12- 51502
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Court house



Dear Sir.

I am writing this to you because what Peabody Coal Co is trying to do to us that have already Retired from mining Coal for them for over 20 years, Now I spent 16 ½ years in the Marines before I came to Peabody Coal Co. 14 Months was in Viet-Nam 4 Months of that was in U.S. Navel Hospital in Youska Japan, where I had a Steel Plate put in my Head from that war! and I did not Complain about that, but this is something that ever American should stand up and tell Peabody Coal this is Wrong in what they are trying to do to there Employees and Retirees, You know Judge I never did work for Patriot Coal Co, not one Day! all my time I had was with Peabody Coal Co. from the day I started to the time I retired, I do not know how they can just switch you and your Retirement around anytime they need to to suit there changes, that is Wrong! I beg of you do not let this Happen to all the People that is working or Retired from Peabody coal, this could be very devastating! I retired from Peabody Co on the 11th of Jan 2003! Now that when Eagle Coal Co Was where Patriot is today! all owned by Peabody Coal Co, They just started the Company about 5 years ago, Just for what there trying to do now, I'm not a very smart person but Judge anyone could see that they were going to try some kind of Skim, on there Employee's when they started to transfer all there employee's into one of there newly started Company's then they started putting all the Retiree's into that one Company named Patriot. And Sir that is --- WRONG--WRONG---WRONG I ask this Question! why can't they Transfere all the Employee's and Reatirees into Peabody Eanergy or Holding that who owne's Patriot.

**I thank you for your time
Your Honor. Local 1905 UMWA
Don L. Willoughby**

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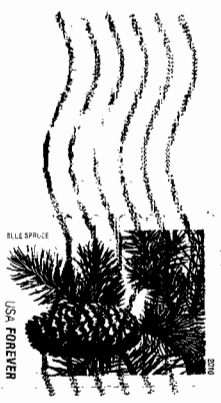
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