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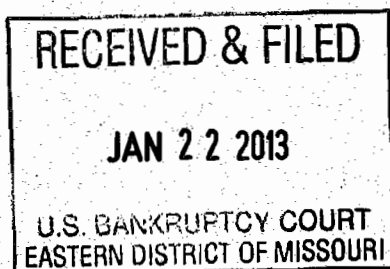
To the Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States,

We are writing you today concerning Case No. 12-51502 which is Patriot Coal against UMWA who is trying to take our retirement & insurance away. This would destroy our future and so many thousands others. Steve worked at the Freeburg Mine and the Marissa mine underground in IL. for 27 ½ years it was a dangerous job but Steven loved it and was very proud of the income and was thankful for the insurance we had and was looking forward to retirement knowing we would have insurance for him & myself. We are scared to death and it's hard to sleep at night not knowing what our future will bring. Steve is on disability because he was hurt in the mines when a cable caught him and threw him in the air against the wall. He had to have major back surgery which Peabody put him off for 2 years which made recovery much harder. He still has pain from it, he has other medical problems such as gout, he is diabetic, and I am diabetic which I take pills for and 1 shot a day, I have sleep disorder which I sleep with a C-pap machine, I have Meniere's Disease which I take meds for and I have had 2 surgery's for in the last 6 years. To lose our insurance and have to buy our meds and insurance would break us. I am not embarrassed to say this scares us to death. There is no way we can buy insurance, buy our meds and pay other bills, it is just not possible. Steve worked for Peabody Coal not Patriot Coal which we all feel they started just to be able to get rid of us. They made a lot of money owning and running the coal mines but they could not have done that with out all these great coalminers who worked hard and some lost their lives! Please help us and all the UMWA miners, please help us save our futures and enjoy the rest of our lives like Peabody will do. We are not asking for any thing that we were not promised when our husbands risked their lives for them. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely.

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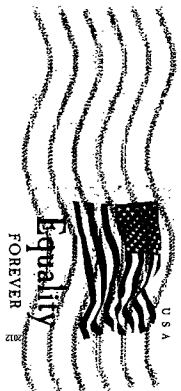


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