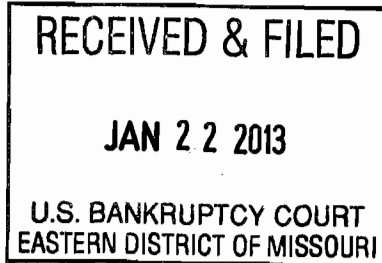


January 16, 2013



The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse
111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO 63102

Your Honor,

I am writing you regarding the Patriot Coal Corporation bankruptcy. Case No. 12-51502.

The fact that Patriot Coal is trying to get out of their obligation to the retirees, widows and their dependents, as well as destroy the collective bargaining agreement at active operations is very upsetting. This could be devastating.

I worked for Peabody Coal Corporation, in Indiana for 34 years. They were a good company to work for.

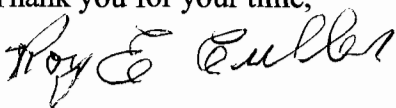
The contract that I retired under was to provide me a pension and health benefits the rest of my life.

Peabody Coal later formed Patriot Coal which we were told was to take care of our health benefits.

I am a diabetic and also have Parkinsons Disease. Therefore, I take several medications. If Patriot Coal were to be released of their obligation to me it would be quite a hardship on my wife and I. As I am sure it would be to many of our retirees.

I hope you will take into consideration the fact that there are thousands of lives that the outcome of this bankruptcy will affect. In this time of great turmoil in our nation do we really need to create such a devastating affect on so many people.

Thank you for your time,



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