

TO: THE HONORABLE KATHY Surratt-States

FORTUNATELY, MY FATHER HAS THE UMWA TO SPEAK FOR HIM. MY WAY OF VOICING MY OPINION IS BY WRITING THIS LETTER TO YOU. SOON YOU WILL BE FACED WITH AN IMPORTANT DECISION. THE ACTIONS OF PATRIOT COAL COMPANY, A COMPANY WHICH WAS SET UP TO FAIL, MADE PROMISES TO THEIR EMPLOYEES WHICH MADE THEM KEEP GOING TO WORK IN A HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENT. THE BENEFITS THEY WERE PROMISED GAVE THEM REASON TO KEEP WORKING.

AS A JUDGE YOU ARE TASKED WITH UPHOLDING THE LAW. IT SEEMS TO ME PATRIOT COAL IS OBLIGATED TO HONOR THEIR CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS. BUT AS IMPORTANT AS UPHOLDING THEIR OBLIGATION, THE COMPANY IS AN EXAMPLE OF GREED WHICH IS SENDING OUR COUNTRY ON A DOWNWARD PATH. PLEASE CONSIDER ALL OF THE HARD WORKING PEOPLE WHO'S WAY OF LIFE WILL BE DRASTICALLY CHANGED IF THEY LOSE THEIR PENSIONS AND BENEFITS.

MY FATHER AND HIS FELLOW UMWA MEMBERS DESERVE A RULING IN THEIR FAVOR. YOU CAN SEND A MESSAGE WITH YOUR DECISION. PLEASE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

THANK YOU,

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