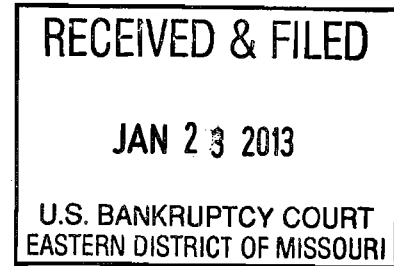


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Re: Case No. 12-51502
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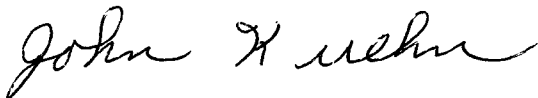


Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States,

I am writing to ask you to not allow Peabody, (now Patriot Coal) to break promises made to me and my family. I worked for Peabody from 1971 through 1999 for River King Mine in Freeburg, IL and Marissa Mine in Marissa, IL. Under all these contracts, health care was promised for the rest of my life as well as my wife's life. My wife and I worked and planned for our retirement years with this promise in mind. Now, we feel betrayed that our retirement years are being threatened because of Peabody trying to get out of their contract promise by selling off to Patriot Coal. Our retirement savings depended on this promise of lifetime insurance.

After working and putting my life in danger underground for 28 ½ years, and adding to Peabody's wealth, we are now very unsure of our financial future. Please do not allow this promise to be broken.

Sincerely,



John Kuehn



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