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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

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Dear Honorable Kathy A. Sennatt - States,

I am writing this letter concerning the Patriot Coal bankruptcy case.

I retired from Patriot Coal on July 21, 2011. I worked at the Highland Mine #9 in Western Kentucky. I've worked at (6) different coal mines in 33 1/4 yrs. I've worked for Peabody Arch, & Patriot during my mining career.

All the mines I've worked at has been union mines. Its not right for these coal companies to agree to the contract, and turn around, and file bankruptcy and try and take these benefits away from me, and my union brother and sisters that are working and those who are retired and need these benefits.

There are alot of retired miners that have medical conditions such as black lung and respiratory problems, heart conditions and diabetes that need the health care card for there conditions. Without the card they couldnt afford the medication.

During my mining career I've seen miners get hit by rock, get hurt real bad broken legs arms and fingers crushed and cut off. I've been pretty lucky the only injury I received was a broken finger.

My job was a roof bolter, and all my work was underground. A roof bolter supports the roof after the continuous miner cuts the coal. The roof bolter is the most dangerous in the underground coal mine.

Thank you: your honor for reading my letter. Sorry about some of the spelling. I've written very few letters not since I was in the U.S. ARMY. Please give this case your deepest consideration there's a lot at stake here.

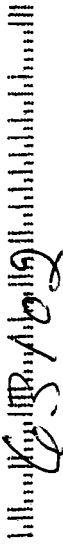
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May God Bless You.

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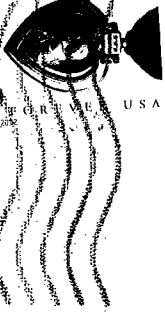
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