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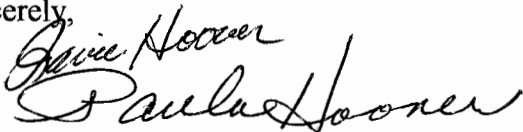
January 18, 2013

To: The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

In regards to the Patriot Coal Corporation bankruptcy case # 12-51502

I sincerely hope that you will take into consideration the *thousands* of innocent families that will be devastated if their health care (which was promised for life) is taken away. We have been a coal mining family for as long as I can remember. My grandfather, father, father-in-law, husband and many friends all worked for Peabody Coal and Arch Mineral for over 25 years. *ALL* of them were promised life time health care for their families. Now Patriot Coal wants to break that promise!! None of them ever worked for Patriot Coal. Is that fair? They all worked long, hard hours for something they thought would protect and secure their families. These are some of the people whose blood, sweat and yes death helped make the coal industry a successful business. I am speaking for my family and I just don't know what we will do if we lose our health care. I am 55 years old and struggle with MS, my mother is 79 years old and suffers with Alzheimer's, my mother-in-law is 86 years old and has several health issues. And now the worries of their health care and mine are overwhelming. What will happen to not just my family but *thousands* of families who depend on this health care? Please listen to the UMWA families and let their voice help you in making the right decision. I believe a promise made should be a promise kept and I hope you feel the same way. Patriot Coal Company cannot take the security and dignity away from our UMWA families. It would just be devastating. Thank you for listening and for your support.

Sincerely,



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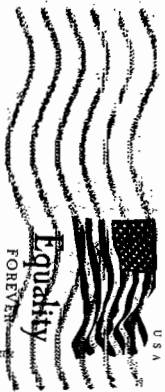
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