

To the Honorable
Kathy A. Lurratt-Staton
Re. CASE No 12-51502

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

My name is Michael Retter. I am 66 years old. I started working for PEABODY Coal Co. in 1969, at Lynnville mine in Indiana. I was layed off in Dec. 1999, when the mine shut down, supposedly because the coal had too much sulfur. That's what I understood.

PEABODY said I could retire early. Meaning I could receive health benefits with stipulations on how much I made per year, and also asked to see my tax return form. I complied and was within the limits until I went on Medicare when I was 65. I do not make a lot on social security, and the pension I receive I depend on PEABODY to pay my supplemental insurance.

I have never worked for Patriot Coal Co. in my life, only for PEABODY Coal Co. I have lots of check stubs to prove it, and monthly awards and trinkets with PEABODY on them. (Belt buckles, watch fobs etc.)

When Lynnville mine closed we were assured we had acres to mine yet and years to go, which would have put me to retire at 62 or maybe even 65.

A few years later 2 or 5 I don't remember exactly I was notified I would receive benefits under a new name PATRIOT. Not being a lawyer I thought this was standard operating procedure, or ~~maybe~~ a subsidiary of PEABODY.

PEABODY is one of the biggest coal companies around the world. and I think they should stay with their deal with us. And not try to pass their responsibility on to another company. I gave them faithful service for 31 years never late for work, and proud to be a coal miner.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter. You may contact me at 812-853-8339.

Sincerely Michael D. Retter

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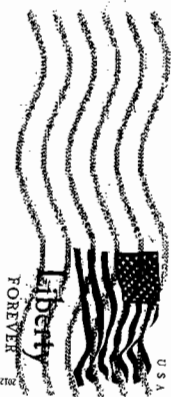
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