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Jan. 21, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - States
Re: Case No 12-51502

Thomas F Eagleton US Courthouse
111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor
St. Louis, Mo. 63102

To the Honorable Judge Surratt - States,

I am writing this in regard to the Patriot Bankruptcy Case on behalf of my husband Kenneth W. Short. My husband is a member of the United Mine Workers and a retired employee from Arch Coal. He has worked in underground mining for 30 years as an electrician & mechanic. He worked long hours, week-ends, holidays, & would even double shift if he was needed. The last 20 yrs. of his employment was spent with Arch not Patriot Coal, we are not sure how Patriot come to be over his benefits when he was employed by Arch! Arch promised the employees' lifetime benefits by signing the UMWA contracts. Now that my husband needs those benefits the most (due to his health), they may be taken away. My husband has numerous health issues and I have retired from my job to take care of him.

In 1991 my husband had aortic valve replacement and he returned to work for Arch until 1994 when he developed chest pain daily while continuing to work for Arch. My husband was told by his cardiologist not to lift over 5 lbs while working and Arch told my husband they no longer needed him to sign up on his disability.

In 1997 my husband had a cardiac arrest and he received an implanted defibrillator & pacemaker, which he still has and has to be monitored and

The power pac has to be replaced about every 4-5 yrs. Due to his cardiac ARREST he began to experience kidney dysfunction & had to be treated by a Nephrologist.

In 2001 he fell and had to be flown to University of Tennessee Medical Ctr. to have emergency surgery on leg where he had pins and screw's inserted. Now he has great difficulty getting up from a chair or walking, so he uses a walker & wheel chair.

He is on numerous medications for his heart and without his benefits and medical insurance provided he wouldnt be able to afford them or the equipment he needs. He has earned these benefits over the years, working hard to keep his benefits. The years of mining has taken toll physically and now he has the emotional stress & worry that his benefits (especially his health care) will be taken from him.

I respectfully request that you take my husband's situation and all of the other retired miners that have given years of service to Arch, & everybody who making your decision.

Respectfully,
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Kenneth W. Short

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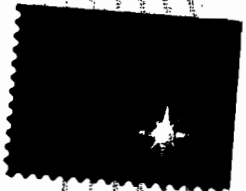
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