

January 22, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States  
RE: Case No. 12-51502  
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse  
111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor  
St. Louis, MO 63102

Dear Madam:

I am a retired coal miner and worked in underground mining for 28 years. I am 71 years old.

In 1999 I collapsed at work (underground) working for Peabody Coal Company and was rushed to the hospital. My lungs were unable to handle the dust and poor ventilation. I was diagnosed as having Black Lung. At that time I chose not to have the lung biopsy required to get Federal Black Lung.

My wife and I rely on my pension and insurance to sustain a livelihood.

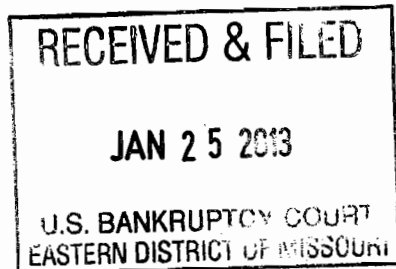
I worked for Peabody Coal Company (Baldwin Mine and Marissa Mine) for 25 years. Peabody Coal Company sold out to Patriot Coal Company. They were to honor our healthcare benefits as contracted.


We would appreciate your consideration in making your decision.

Sincerely,

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