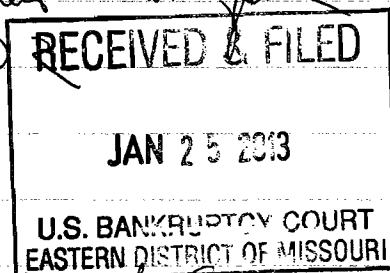


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Dear Judge Kathy A. Stumatt-States

I am writing concerning the Patriot Coal Co. Bankruptcy Hearing.

I am a 75 yr old retired miner having retired in 2000 from Peabody Coal Co after working for them for over 32 yrs, most of it 16 hrs a day 7 days a week. When I retired I was working 10 hrs a day 6+7 days a week.

I never worked a day for Patriot Coal. Which now are ~~not~~ paying for our benefits.

In 1946 Congress passed that we would have medical benefits from the cradle to the grave which the Coal Co. agreed to.

In 1974 in a contract between UMWA and the Coal Co. We agreed to let them remove from the Health and retirement fund on the promise that they would provide

as with as goal if not better coverage,
ever since then the Coal Cos. have been
trying to get out of this agreement because its
causing them more money than they like

In researching I have found out
probably made a profit of a little
more than \$ Billion dollar in 2012
and looks like they are going to do better
than that in 2013

My wife and I have a lots of health
problems and are on a lot of medicines
I have been fighting bladder cancer for
over a year and am still under
treatment. I don't know what we
will do if we lose our medical
benefits. I guess we will have
to quit eating or go into a nursing
home or welfare.

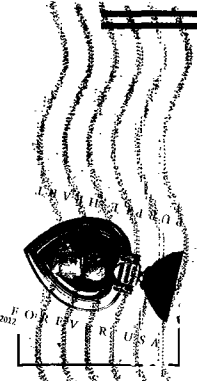
Thank you so much for reading
my letter and may God bless you
and yours.

Sincerely Yours
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