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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Honorable Judge Kathy A. Surratt-States,
To Whom it may concern;

I, Paul Bandy have lived in a small Illinois town for my entire life. Small enough that at one time nearly half of the population was of Bandy descent/namesake. There I was given the right to raise three children. Those children have given us five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Those of the latter are who I would like to make the main focus of this letter, my children and grand/great-grandchildren.

The real case before you is not about the promised rights of the coal miners being taken, but of the future of this great country. The idea(s) that corporations use the small town people to reach their goals and then when things get tough on them they disown the loyalty and the dignity that was instilled in you, me, and the others involved in this case. Sure this case revolves around the rights of the corporation legally, but what about the rights of the families who have risked their lives daily to accomplish those rights for these corporations and so our promised rights in the future.

I entered the dangers of the coal mine at 24 years old and gave them 31 years of my life. I moved myself; not my family, to THREE separate coal mines to be able to EARN this promise of retirement with my earned benefits that they, Peabody Coal Company are now trying to opt out of. It is not my loyalty or the loyalty of the family members I have had in the coal mines in question; which may I add involves some over 100 years of service to this corporation by my immediate family, but the loyalty promised by said corporations.

I realize it is not as easy as all that, or necessarily based on this, or is it? I worry the more that this type of situation is let go to the legal system the harder it gets for us - "the little guy". I love my country and served in the military as did my father and one brother; one of which who lost his life in Vietnam, not then to be threatened by the enemy forces but instead the corporations that seem to have taken over our great country and so my earned rights and promises that I and my family will need for our retirement survival.

We, the people of this great country, continue to work hard to secure what is best for our families future only to see our health and welfare challenged, promised health and welfare being jeopardized by those we fought so hard for.

Judge Surratt-States, I hope you understand that this case is not about a corporation but a whole lot more "little guys" families promised rights being challenged after years of promise and service!

Thank you for your consideration towards this our future,

Sincerely,



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