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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

The Honorable Kathy A. Survatl-States
re: Case no 12-51502

My Name is Ron Chambers
my wife and I are one of the
thousands that will be effected by
the Patriot Coal Corporation effort to
dump its UMWA Retirees and their
dependents, also destroying the current
collective Bargaining Agreement at
active operations.

I started in the Mining Ind-
ustry in 1979 knowing there was
danger as well as health risks involved
in this occupation however the wages
were decent and the family health
plan was great, my father had worked
many years in the mines and had died
of complications to Black Lung so yes
I did know there was a lot of risk
involved but to be able to feed,
cloth and provide my family with
health care I jumped in.

When I Retired in 2006 I had
26 plus years with Hobet Mining and
never doubted that my wife and I
wouldn't have our health care, after
all the company had signed the BCOA

- agreement which gave us our health care but this was shattered when we learned that Patriot Coal was attempting to break their word go back on their promise and just dump thousands of Retirees, widows and their dependents and also alter the current agreement at active operations.

I understand that my wife and I are only one number in thousands that would be effected if Patriot should be allowed to break their promise but I wanted to tell our story in November of 2012 I was diagnosed with Stage 3-B Lung Cancer since Surgery was not a viable option the other choice I had was combination of Chemo and Radiation treatments, Jan. 12, 2013 I completed a series of 30 Radiation and 6 Chemo treatments, now I have to wait 4-6 weeks have a CT scan to see if it helped or not. Now to have the Doctor tell you that you have Stage 3 cancer in it self is devastating but then add the fact that Patriot is using every

trick in the book to do away with our Health care which we so desperately need to fight this cancer as well as our other Health Needs.

The bottom line is if Patriot is allowed to break the agreement and is allowed to dump us, where we have worked hard all these years and managed to have a few things, if my cancer treatment plan doesn't work and the battle last very long this will all be gone and the sad part is the real victim will be my wife and family, the ones left behind to pay the bills and pick up the pieces always suffers the most.

There is something wrong with a system that would allow a group of CEO's to gather in a back room lay out a plan to bundle all the union retirees in one group, had to know it would fail thereby destroying the lives of thousands of hard working people and their families. I am asking they not be allowed to do this,

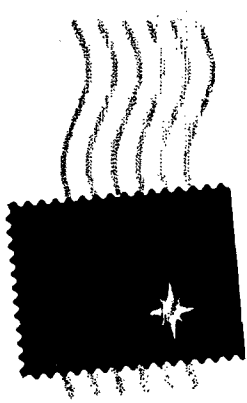
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