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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

**TO:** The Honorable Kathy A. Surrott-States

RE: Case No. 12-51502

Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse

111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor

St. Louis, MO 63102

**To The Honorable Kathy A.Surrott-States** 

I am writing this letter about the bankruptcy case filed by the Patriot Coal Company.

I have worked for Eastern Associated Coal and Peabody Coal Company for twenty one years. I did not work for Patriot Coal.

I am now retired and I depend very much on the health insurance and the pension that I am supposed to receive, having work for their mining company.

To loose part or all of the benefits provided by this company would cause a great hardship for my family. We do depend on this penision and insurance for our livelyhood.

I hope the contract betweem Eastern and Peabody Coal Company will stand today as it was then.

Thank You!

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