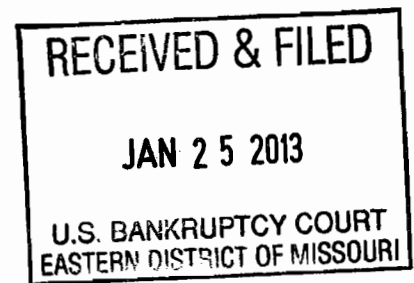


Mrs. Rose Thompson  
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January 21, 2013

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



Dear Judge Surratt-States,

I am writing this letter to beseech you not to allow Patriot Coal to change their health care obligations to UMWA retirees and widows.

My husband worked in the mines for more than 40 years after returning home from WWII. I am proud of the years he provided for our family and the benefits he earned. The work was hard, but we were a generation used to hard work. When he died 18 years ago, from cancer and black lung, he knew that he was leaving me with a pension and healthcare for life, which he had secured with his years and *his* life in the mines.

Please don't let the Company take away those benefits that I depend on. I am 84 years old and without his pension and health care benefits, it will be impossible for me, and others like me, to get by. I can't imagine how I will be able to pay my bills and buy my medicine without these promised benefits.

I don't understand how a man can work for 40 years and then lose what he secured and what was promised to him and his family.

Please help us by not allowing the coal operators to break their promises and take away the pension and healthcare we earned.

Sincerely,

*Rose Thompson  
Widow of Maloy Thompson*

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