

Jan. 20, 2013

Honorable, Judge Kathy A. Surratt-States,

I am writing to you concerning Patriot Coal Bankruptcy filing. I understand that you will be hearing or over-seeing this case. Let me say first of all, that I and my wife are praying for you. We know the decisions that you will be making will be difficult one's, and will affect the lives of many, including my wife and I.

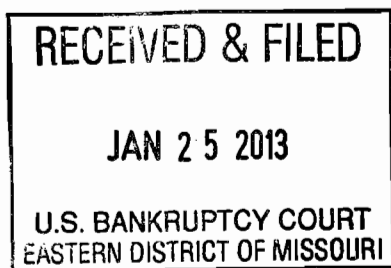
I have worked in the mines for approx. 35 years. I retired while working for Peabody Coal Co. I was promised Health Care for life after I completed 20 yrs. of service, which I did. After my retirement I was told that Patriot Coal would now be responsible for my health care even though I had never worked at all for them. Patriot, has given

my wife and I health care since
Jan. 2010.

On March 9, 2012 I had a heart
attack, and Stints put in. Presently
I am taking 7 different medicine's. These
medicine's are very costly. I could
not afford them without my health care.

In closing, let me ask you to
please not allow Peabody/Patroit Coal
to walk away from the promise's they
made to provide Health Care, to me and
thousands of other's.

Once again, let me say we are
praying for you. May God Bless you and
help you with these decisions.



Sincerely,
Charles W. Smith
Wharton, WV.

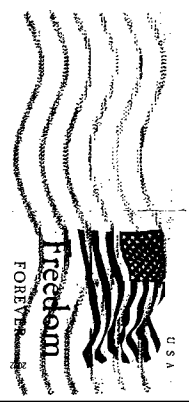
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