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January 21, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse
110 South 10th Street, 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO 63102

Dear Honorable Surratt-States

My name is Donald Ammons and I would like to express the interest I have in the Bankruptcy of Patriot Coal. I worked from 1970 to 2006 at Federal #2 mine. While I was there I worked as a shuttle car operator, roof bolter, shortwall chalk setter, brattice man, janitor and lampman before I retired in 2006.

I had open heart surgery in 2006 and due to complications I had to retire. In 2011 I had open heart surgery again to replace the valve that I had trouble with before.

My wife Linda has sugar and she has to watch what she eats. She had eye surgery on her left eye and is scheduled to have surgery on her other eye in February.

A loss in pension and medical benefits would mean I would have to pay for supplement insurance out of my Social Security Benefit. The monthly benefit check would not be enough to pay for insurance, monthly utilities, and food expenses. This is why my health benefits are so important to me. As a miner, medical and health benefits were promised when you retire from Patriot. This has always been a benefit I expected when I retired and did not plan on the expense of a supplemental insurance and no pension from the company. Medical expense increase as we get older, this would create a financial burden on me and my family.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald W. Ammons".

Donald W. Ammons

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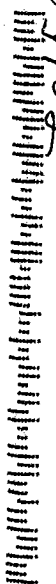
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The Honorable Kathy A. Swartz - States
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