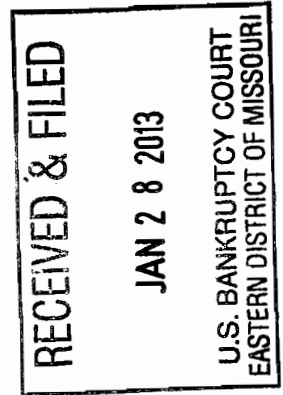


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The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
CASE No. 12-51502

DEAR MADAM,

I am compelled to write this letter so you might take into consideration just one family's burdens depending on the out-come of your decisions. I have worked for Peabody and Patriot Coal since 1981. I also have worked in construction until I was hired at the mines and in between layoffs and recalls.

I worked construction with my Dad and Uncle from the time I was in high school and was hired at the mines. I also worked construction when I was laid off which was a substantial stretch at times. After my Uncle and Father retired I went and obtained my Contractor's license and started our own company in 1993.

As I became older the value of Health-care for my family became more apparent. I went back to the mines in 2000 as a weekend warrior. I worked at the mines Fri, Sat, Sun. and worked construction Mon.-Thurs. with my brother who was my partner for 6 years until they cancelled the weekend warrior crew. At that time I made the decision to work full time with Peabody and walked away from construction.

It was a hard choice but I felt that for my family the chance to get Healthcare meant too much to pass up. As the years went by I understood and was promised I would retain my Permanent Healthcare Card when I turned 55 years old. I was apprehensive when Peabody spun Patriot Coal off that they were going to try to discard their obligations.

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As I became older some health issues arose such as a back injury at the mines in 2005 requiring surgery. I developed high-blood pressure and high cholesterol requiring medication. My wife developed sugar diabetes around 2001 and am sure you are aware of the costs and risks involved with this disease. With our health history we were committed to stay with Peabody Energy. I should have received my Health Card when I turned 55 which was July 18, 2012.

Patriot Coal declared bankruptcy July 9, 2012 and is trying to shed the legacy costs spun off from Peabody Energy. I worked for Peabody until they spun-off Patriot approximately 5 years ago. I really don't think it's fair a company took the best years of my working life and when needing promised health-care they try to strip it away. Why would our leaders and government permit such a blatant attempt to shed themselves of this promise.

I would hope you will take this into account when you make this decision as to why Peabody spun off Patriot Coal and also all the lives this pre-meditated business decision will affect now and into the future.

Being a small-business owner I would be remiss not to mention the blatant waste and poor management that has occurred within this company for the last 3-4 years. We have been burdened with layers of management that were never necessary in the operations at our mine. The numbers of outside contractors were never necessary in day to day operations until the spin-off occurred.

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Enclosed is a photo-copy of a plaque that Peabody sent me in 2006 thanking me for my service but then decided to shed my liabilities in 2007. Very Ironic!

I hope and pray you have the wisdom and courage to please make the right-decision for my family, my co-workers and former co-workers.

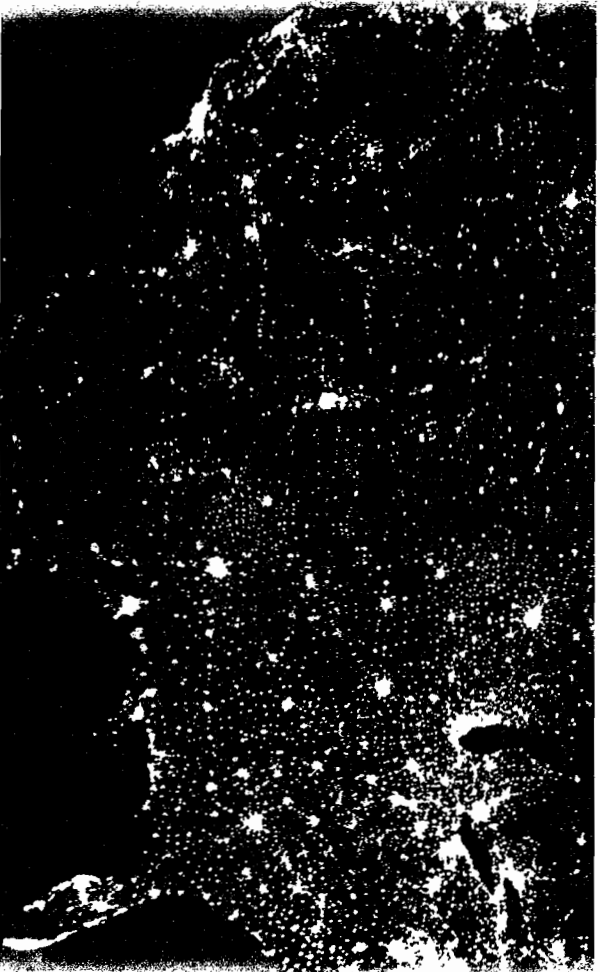
Thank you

James D. Halderman

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OUR MISSION: To be a worldwide supplier of low-cost energy, which contributes to economic prosperity and a better quality of life.

James D. Haldeman

25 Years of Service and Dedication

November 2, 2006

Thank you for your many years of dedicated service. You are a member of the best team in the industry, whose actions have helped Peabody continue to succeed in our mission. On behalf of the Peabody family, allow me to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks in recognition of your service and achievements.

Gregory H. Boyce



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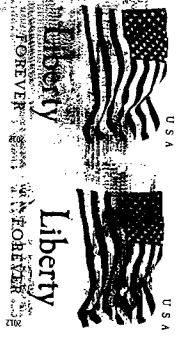
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