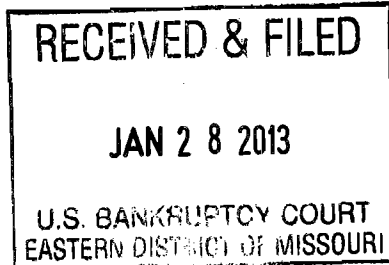


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January 23, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
Re: Case No. 12-51502
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse
111 South 10th Street, 4th floor
St. Louis, MO 63102



Dear Judge Surratt-States:

The recent actions taken by Patriot Coal Corporation have exiled those reliant on the UMWA. Patriot's efforts have violated the collective bargaining agreement previously agreed upon. Insurance was promised to the members and their dependents. If Patriot is allowed to file for bankruptcy, a plethora of other companies will follow suit. You can see the grim scene potentially to arise. It remains imperative that you consider the thousands of families whose lives depend on your impending ruling.

I have worked 27 ½ years as an underground coal miner, the previous ten under Patriot Coal. In February of 2012 I was informed of my lay-off while still employed by Patriot. I have sacrificed health and time to ensure I would have retirement and insurance to support me, along with my family. With the rising cost of health care, paying for insurance is an unaffordable option. My wife and I suffer from medical problems and will require medical aid the remainder of our days.

I am assured you understand the situation at hand with your many years of practice. You realize the toll placed on these families due to their commitment to the coal mining industry. With the many medical issues created from their work, I hope you rule in favor of supporting these families. Do not leave these members of the UMWA without hope for all they have sacrificed to Patriot Coal Corporation and the mining industry.

Sincerely,

Naaman N. Stollings

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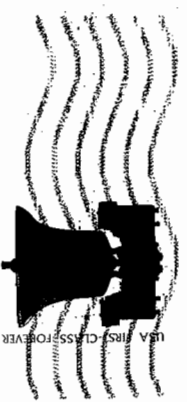
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