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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

To the Honorable Kathy A. ~~Stewart~~

I'm writing to you about the bankruptcy case involving Patriot Coal Corporation.

I have worked in the mines for thirty years and given my all to ensure that these mines were profitable. In turn I knew there would always be work and stability for my family, such as money and health care. However, Peabody and its board members decided they could save millions by rolling all of their debt into a new company and some five years later file bankruptcy. Company and union men knew when it was formed what Peabody was trying to do. That was to take the health care we were promised and earned over the years by making billions for Peabody. We the workers signed contracts and were held to these binding agreements by law only to have this company decide not to hold up their end of such contracts. Now I have had two cervical surgeries, one in April 2012 and the last one in September 2012. The surgeries were brought on because of a work related injury at Harris #1 mine in April 2010. I worked until March 2012 at which time I could no longer physically do my job and my

doctor told me to have surgery or be paralyzed. At this time I can no longer take care of my family like I've done for the last thirty years.

My story is like so many other miners who have sacrificed everything and now are being told that these companies will not honor their commitment to us because they have plotted to rob each retiree and widow of the only thing they are responsible for.

Your Honor, without your help. We the retirees and widows will face an uncertain and dire future. It is my request and plea that you being honorable and fair would rule in favor of common people being oppressed and cheated by a billion dollar corporation.

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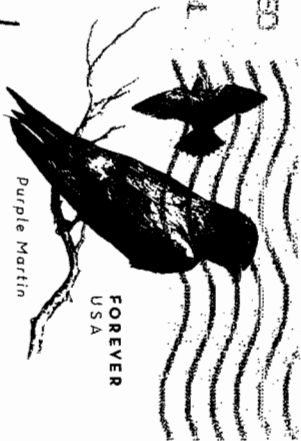
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