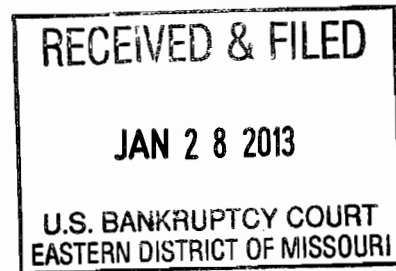


Joe E. Herman
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January 23, 2013

Dear Honorable Kathy Surratt,

I am writing, as a coalminer, to convey to you my opinion on the upcoming situation with Patriot Coal. I have worked since 1972 under Peabody and presently, Patriot, with the sole purpose of attaining my pension and health care. I feel that under the contract that was provided and after my 20 years of service, that pension and health care would be provided for me and my spouse. This was just as important to me as my wages that I received. This was a promise to all miners who put in their allotted time under the contract. If something was to happen to me, than I was secure in the fact that my spouse would be provided for and would receive half of my pension and have adequate health care.

I will be 61 years old this year and it is too late for me to go to work for another company to receive my pension. I was also counting on my pension to supplement my social security and that of my wife's.

Please take into consideration this letter and others of coalminers just like me who are fighting for the security of our future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe E. Herman".

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