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To: The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

Re: Case No. 12-1502

On Jan. 29, 2013 a hearing will be held in St. Louis concerning Patriot Coal Co. and it's subsidiaries who are filing for bankruptcy. With this bankruptcy

they state our medical coverage and pension checks will be done away with. My husband (Jerry Hash) worked 30 years under dangerous conditions with the promise of medical care and a pension check for the remainder of our lives. He would never have worked under these deplorable conditions if these things were not a promise. All the coal miners work toward this. My husband would probably still be there today if it were not for a devastating accident that ended his coal mining days. He has to have ongoing treatment for his injuries and other conditions that have developed because of his unjuries.

Now in his later years he has developed diabetes and hypertention. In my later years I have uncontrolled hypertention, sleep apnea, and elevated liver enzymes.

I know of other coal companies around here that have been out of operation for 20+ years and their promises to their miners have been kept all this time.

Patriot has idelled all of their mines in order to show they are not making

money. But, as soon as this bankruptcy case is settled I can assure you they will re-open these mines and sell as much coal as they can and as fast as they can.

Again, my husband and I implore you to intervene in this situation. If Patriot wins, I don't know what we and thousands of other families will do.

I would hope that someone make it a law that these coal companies CANNOT break promises made this hard working class of people. If this is allowed to happen, soon all coal companies will follow suit in order to keep the all mighty dollar to themselves. If Patriot wins, all these miners are working under a false sense of a stable future.

Sincerely and Truly:

Gerry & Shirley Hash

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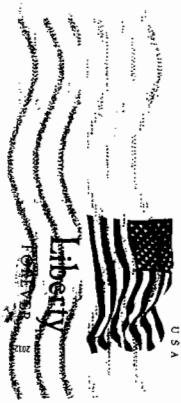
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