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To Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States,

My name is Emmett Thomas Harrison Jr. from Carbondale, IL. I have worked for Arch Coal Co. for approximately 13 1/2 years, at two of their surface mines, Pipestone Creed in Steelville, IL. And Guyan Mine in Yolan, WV. I worked as a mechanic at these mines with a contract and promise of healthcare for life upon retirement if I was over 55 years old and had worked for more than 10 years. My prayer is that our legal system will not let two large companys, Arch and Peabody, put a lot of their contractual obligations in a small company that cannot support them, and then file bankruptcy. I was under the understanding that money was to be set aside to fund our healthcare while we were working. If Patriot is allowed to do this, it will be a hardship on my wife and I. If Patriot is bankrupt, maybe I could be returned to Arch, they are a company making lots of money.

Thank you for reading my story.

Sincerely, Empott Harrison

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