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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Dear Judge,

I am writing to you in regards to the Patriot bankruptcy case.

I will start this letter by telling you something about my husband and I. My husband (Thomas Witt) is 72 years old. His medical condition is not good. He has hypertension and takes 5-6 different medications for this. He has 3 stints in his heart (had a heart attack) and takes medication for this. On 1-15-13 he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He will be starting radiation treatments shortly for this. He has a rare muscle disease (inclusion body myositis) for which there is no treatment or cure.

I (Thelma Witt) am 69 years old. I have had cancer twice and am now taking hormones to help prevent it from coming back (arimidex). I have had a heart attack, have hypothyroidism, hypertension, depression and arthritis.

If we lose our health benefits I don't see how we can possibly make it. My husband worked a life time in the coal mines and was promised that he would have health & retirement benefits for life. We live on a fixed income and with our medication, his cancer &

treatments and doctor visits, our checks will not stretch that far. We would be unable to pay for radiation and other treatments and this could be life threatening for him.

Patriot Coal, Peabody and Arch made billions of dollars from the coal fields and the coal miners. It is not right that these companies can not keep the promises that were made to the coal miners after they have become rich.

I believe you will be a fair and just judge. I am asking you to take into consideration that the promises that were made to coal miners and their families can and should not be broken.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

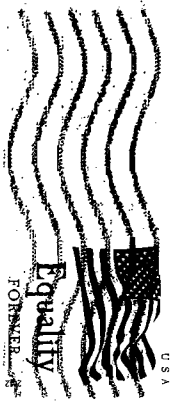
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