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The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States Re: Case No. 12-51502
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse 111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor St. Louis, MO 63102

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Dear Madam Surratt-States,

I am an 89 year old widow and come from a family with a long history of mining. My deceased father worked for the coal mines for 47 years, my deceased husband for 42 (most of which was for Peabody) and my son for 30 years (all for Peabody) before the mine in Southern Indiana was closed. Needless to say, our family has given many years to the mining industry, particularly Peabody Coal Company. In return, we have been treated fairly with competitive wages and benefits.

I am most concerned about the potential loss of these benefits, given the bankruptcy proceedings of Patriot. Currently, I receive a monthly pension and also health insurance benefits as a result of my husband's faithful service to the industry. It would impose some serious financial issues should these benefits be taken away.

I appeal for common sense decisions in this matter, and in particular companies who made promises to their employees and dependants be made to keep the promises.

Sincerely, Jona Wildt

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