To: The Honorable Kathy A Surratt-States Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse 111 South 10th. Street, 4th. Floor St. Louis, Mo 63102

Re: Case No. 12-51502

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Dear Judge Surratt-States:

I am writing on behalf of myself and thousands of hardworking miners who are going to be severely damaged by the current unscrupulous actions of Patriot Coal.

I worked in the coal mines of Kentucky for over 25 years. After 25 years of service all I have is a pension of \$565/mo. Hardly the sum the executives at Patriot could identify with. However, to compensate for the ridiculously low retirement, we were all blessed with the gift of excellent health coverage until death from the original coal companies. Considering mining is not a white collar job, it is understandable that many of us suffer black lung, as well as other respiratory impairments. Again, a result of earning an honest living that Patriot now wants to squander.

I hope you will consider the Patriot bankruptcy for the it is. Again, I'm afraid large corporations are trying to use current bankruptcy laws to escape their contracted responsibility to those who made their corporations affluent. We were recently informed of a dinner a few Patriot executives attended to discuss this bankruptcy, which cost in excess of \$3,000. The arrogance being displayed by this company is beyond any reasonable understanding.

Please work with the UMWA in saving our retirement and medical benefits from thieves like Patriot and make an example to other ruthless corporations which pad their bottom line on the blood of hard working Americans.

Respectfully,

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Cc: The Honorable Barak Obama – President of the United States
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi – Representative, Ca.
The Honorable Jerry Mc Nerney – Representative Ca.

