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To: The Honorable Kathy A Surratt-States

From: Marvin R Ford

Date: 02/09/2013

RE. Patriot Coal Bankruptcy

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I'm writing to advise you of my concern with the Patriot Coal situation.

I had a contract with the US Army, I served a tour in Vietnam and I am a Purple Heart holder. I honored my contract with the US government and still honor my contract with the US Government and all branches of the service.

I have endured three lower back surgeries a plate in my neck and a vertebrae cemented between my shoulders blades, aortic aneurysm, heart disease, high blood pressure, sugar diabetes. My last visit to the doctor he jokingly told me I should just go down to the funeral home and check in

My wife Barbara has lost two sons Bobby 9yrs old hit by a drunk driver, David age 36 car accident this causing PTSD also takes numerous medications for Rheumatoid arthritis.

This situation with Patriot is not fair to myself and all my union brothers, the bulk of the coal miners I have know also served their country and fulfilled their contract. Now Patriot needs to stand up as committed and honor their contract.

As you are making a decision I'm in hopes you will keep all the union workers and their family's in mind as to the impact it will make!

Sincerely,

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