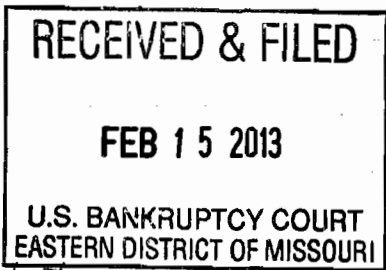


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Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States  
Re: Case No. 12-51502  
Patriot Coal vs UMWA



Dear Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States,

I am writing in concern of the case Patriot Coal vs UMWA. My husband, Gary C. Fiklinski has worked for Peabody Coal Co. for 24 years and not a day for Patriot Coal.

My husband enjoyed and worked hard for Peabody Coal. Insurance and retirement were issues that were negotiated in contracts. Wages and other items were given up to keep and improve these very valuable items.

Peabody Coal and Arch Mineral should not be permitted to break agreements with the workers who made them millions of dollars of profits through the years. We truly believe that the "legal" agreement with Patriot Coal is unconstitutional. The profits made today by Peabody Coal are record breaking! What a shame to desert the hard working men and women of Peabody Coal from the past, which have helped them to achieve the profits of today! What example are we setting for

our young business men and women, if we allow this underhanded deal take effect.

I truly do not know how we will survive without my husbands, well earned and promised retirement benefits.

What Peabody has done, may be legal on paper, but is disgraceful in reality. If this case is resolved in Peabody's favor, I dread the future of all American men and women.

Thank you  
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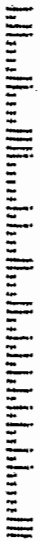
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