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The challenges we face are enormous. I believe we can meet these challenges, but only if we all pull together and act in unity and solidarity. That is why I am asking each of you, to the extent you are physically able, to become fully engaged in this struggle. Your participation will play a major role in our fight to force Peabody, Arch and Patriot to keep the promises they made to you and your family.

## Communicate Your Message

To the Bankruptcy Judge:

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

The New York Judge has sent all the letters she received (and read) to the Judge in St. Louis, along with all the other papers in this bankruptcy case. If you want to write a letter to the Judge in St. Louis who will be hearing the Patriot bankruptcy case you may do so, whether or not you have already sent a letter to the Court in New York. Of course, any letters you write should be courteous and non-threatening. Your letter can describe your years of service to Peabody, Arch and/or Patriot and make clear the promises that they made to you, and talk about the hardships and life-threatening conditions that will affect you and your family should these coal operators be permitted to break their promises. Please be aware that your letter will become part of the public record; therefore, do not include any personal information that you do not want made public. If you want to send a letter to the Bankruptcy Judge in St. Louis, mail it to:

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

## Political Leaders and Others:

We encourage you to let your elected officials and local politicians learn your story and about the serious challenges you and your family will suffer if these coal companies are allowed to break their promises. When you mail your letters to your elected officials and local politicians, please also send a copy to the UMWA International Union, c/o Patriot Campaign, 18354 Quantico Gateway Drive, Suite 200, Triangle, VA 22172-1779.

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January 9, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The effort by Patriot Coal Corporation to shed itself of the health care obligations to UMWA retirees, widows and their dependents as well as destroying the current collective bargaining agreement at active operations continues. The effect of these actions by the Company will be immediate and devastating for tens of thousands of UMWA families throughout the nation's coalfields. Further, these actions could have a ripple effect in the future that places the security of all UMWA members and their families at risk.

Secretary-Treasurer Kane and I have continued to keep you informed of the status of the ongoing Patriot bankruptcy. We have also been very clear that the UMWA will do whatever it takes to preserve and protect the security and dignity that our members and their families have earned. The Union will fight to ensure that the improvements in working conditions and the retirement security achieved by our fathers and grandfathers are not stripped away.

While the Union was successful in moving the bankruptcy hearings from New York City to St. Louis, Mo., this victory does not change the Company's determined efforts to avoid its obligations. However, it does place the hearing venue in the backyard of Peabody and Arch, the two coal operators which promised health care for life to over 90% of the retirees and widows currently affected by this bankruptcy. We must hold them fully responsible for these obligations.

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