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TO: HONORABLE KATHY A. SURRETT-STATES

I STARTED WORKING IN THE COAL MINES ON AUGUST 31, 1972 AT 19 YEARS OLD. AFTER ONE YEAR OF COLLEGE I STARTED WORKING FOR PEABODY COAL IN FREEBURG, IL. I WORKED FOR PEABODY UNTIL 03-05-74 AND I STARTED WORKING FOR ZEPHYRUS COAL ON 03-06-74 IN COLUMBIANA, IL UNTIL A LAY OFF ON 01-29-79. I STARTED WORKING FOR PEABODY COAL ON 03-09-79 UNTIL ITS CLOSURE ON 12-31-99. I WORKED IN THE COAL MINING INDUSTRY FOR OVER 28 YEARS WITH THE GUARANTEED PROMISE OF LIFETIME HEALTHCARE. THE UMWA SETTLED CONTRACTS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS FOR .35 & .40 CENTS HOURLY PAY INCREASES WITH THE AGREEMENT OF LIFETIME HEALTHCARE FOR ITS RETIREES AND WIDOWS. OTHER TRADE UNIONS SETTLED FOR \$1.50 PER HOUR HOURLY WAGES INCREASES ON CONTRACTS WHILE THE UMWA SETTLED FOR LESS MONEY ON HOURLY WAGES IN ORDER TO KEEP LIFETIME HEALTHCARE. THE UMWA ALWAYS HAS LOOKED OUT FOR RETIREES, BECAUSE THEY KNEW IF YOU WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO LIVE THROUGH THE YEARS

OF DANGEROUS COAL MINING, they would need  
HEALTHCARE TO TAKE CARE OF them until they  
Died. I will be 60 years old on 04-27-13  
AND HAVE HAD KNEE SURGERY ON MY LEFT  
KNEE IN OCT. OF 2009 AND ON MY RIGHT  
KNEE IN NOV. OF 2012. I AM STARTING  
TO FEEL THE ACHES AND PAINS OF MY  
28 years IN THE COAL MINING INDUSTRY  
AND WILL NEED THE HEALTHCARE PROMISED  
TO ME UNTIL MEDICARE STARTS. I WAS  
RAISED TO BELIEVE A PROMISE IS A  
PROMISE, AND LIFETIME HEALTHCARE MEANS  
FOR YOUR LIFETIME, AND NOT ANYTHING ELSE.  
I ALSO BELIEVE THE NAME PATRIOT COAL WAS  
CREATED BY REARBODY COAL AS A COVER UP  
TO TRY AND GET OUT OF THEIR AGREED  
OBLIGATIONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION  
CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

Sincerely,

Sammy D. Penadota, Retiree UMW #2412

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