

February 26, 2013

Dear Honorable Kathy A Surratt-States,

I am praying that you will consider what is fair for everyone during the bankruptcy hearings of Peabody Patriot Coal Company. I want to invite you to visit and go underground at a Western Ky coal mine. You can see the working conditions these miners have spent their good health working under. It is dark and dirty. These coal companies have made promises under contract to provide health care for their retirees for working under these conditions.

I am asking you to go in a coal mine to better understand why the employees (UMWA) have played an important part in these coal companies. My neighbor refused to work underground even though he was laid off and had a wife and two small children. When offered help in getting a job in the coal mine, he said, "Oh no, I couldn't work underground." Yet, he could sit at home and draw unemployment while my husband worked underground to support him with the taxes.

If you asked, I'm sure it could be arranged for you to go in a coal mine. I invite you to the Highland Mine in Union County, Kentucky. These miners are currently working under a MOU and do not get the UMWA contract wages. These miners agreed to work at less money to keep the mine open and remain in the union to add years toward their retirement which was supposed to include health benefits.

Thank you for your full consideration of what is fair for everyone.

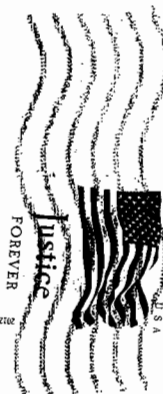
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