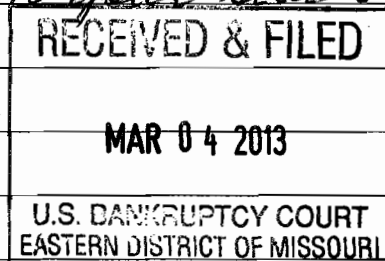


Madam Judge
You are in my prayers, as you have authority over part of my life. I pray that you are healthy and happy and God will guide you to make the right decision in the bankruptcy case #12-51502.

I am Bob Fletcher, am almost 56 years old, married with 3 kids and 5 grandkids. I am also an employee of Patriot Coal and it's subsidiary Eastern Associated Coal's Federal #2 mine near Blacksville, WV. I have been employed there for over 35 years. I have been a hardworker and have helped to make them a safe and productive company.

Now they want to take away the health care that they have promised me for 35 years. I don't understand how you can work for a company for that long and they just "hang you out to dry!"

Ma'am, I am hoping and praying that you have the wisdom and courage to tell Patriot "No, Keep your promise". I respect your position, whichever way your decision will take you, and I pray that God will be on your side as He has been on mine.



Respectfully yours
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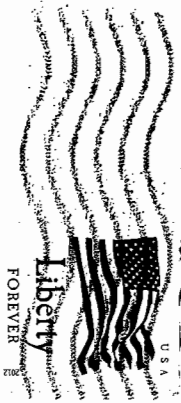
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