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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

107 South Johnson Street New Athens, IL 62264 March 4, 2013

To: The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

In the 1950's when <u>Peabody Coal Company</u> was started in my area of New Athens, Freeburg, and Marissa, Illinois the president of <u>Peabody Coal Company</u>, Mr. Merl Kelse came to the people asking them to invest in <u>Peabody Coal Company</u>.

<u>Peabody Coal Company</u> put our people to work, working six and seven days a week. When a tornado hit Freeburg, Illinois, <u>Peabody Coal Company</u> sent miners and equipment to help clean up the town. These people, the workers, made <u>Peabody Energy</u> their money.

I was never employed by <u>Patriot Coal</u>. <u>Peabody Energy</u> closed our mines. Now they want to discard us and take away the health and welfare that we worked years to have. We worked those years and earned it. Please don't give it away.

Sincerely,

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Retired Coal Miner

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New Athens, Illinois

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RE: Case No. 12-51502 St. Louis, MO 63102 111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor Thomas F.Eagleton U.S. Courthouse The Honorable Kathy A. Surratti-States

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