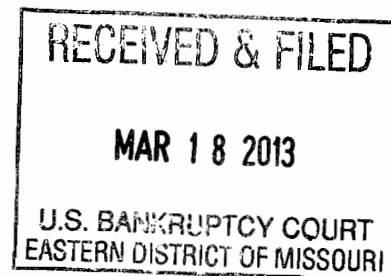




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Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
Thomas F. Eagleton US Courthouse
111 S 10th Street, 4th Floor
St. Louise, MO 63102

RE: Case No. 12-51502

Dear Judge Surratt-States:

I am writing this letter at the request of past and present employees of Peabody/Patriot/Arch Minerals Coal Company in regard to the above referenced case. For years, men of Muhlenberg County have worked under the assurance of a secured retirement and healthcare benefits plan. Year after year workers renewed contracts, making concession after concession to retain their benefits package and retirement. To allow a company to extract years of work from an individual and then treat his hard-earned retirement and healthcare benefits as a debt easily disposed of through legal maneuvering is morally wrong. Far too often in this country companies are rewarded through bail-outs and legal maneuvers via bankruptcy for their failure to manage while the working class is used up and discarded along with their pensions and healthcare plans.

I ask you to consider the future of the men and women who worked to provide a secured future for the owners and stockholders. Make the employees of Peabody/Patriot/Arch Minerals Coal whole by preserving their retirement and healthcare benefits and hold Peabody/Patriot/Arch Minerals accountable and responsible.

Respectfully,

Muhlenberg County Court Clerk

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