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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

March 18, 2013  
Honorable Kathy A. Scarratt,

I'm writing to you about Case no. 12-51502, this case is where Patriot Coal is filing bankruptcy, which they want to take away our Miners Health Card. This is so unfair.

My husband Calvin C. Ballard Jr who is 62 yrs old spent 34 yrs. in the mines for Patriot Coal. My husband gave his all when he worked, he is now disabled. His health is not good he is a diabetic, has high blood pressure problems with his triglycerides, cholesterol, black lung (but cannot receive anything for it because of Patriot protesting it), his kidney function is only at 40%. He lost a little finger in the mines while working for Patriot, his knee were worn out and had to have them replaced, now his right shoulder is worn out and needs it to be replaced because of all the lifting he did in the mines.

As for me I have have high blood pressure, I had 2 disc removed from my spine in my neck, I have 2 rods, 1 plate & 7 screws from C-4 to C7. and two artificial bones to replace C-5-C6-disc in my neck, now I have a bulging disc at L-4 in my back and having to have surgery on it.

Neither one of us is able to work (now)

And there is no way we can afford to buy medical insurance and, lucky should we, my husband was promised that he would be able to keep his medical card and pension check till his death then I would be able to keep this until my death.

There is no justice if Detroit gets to take it all away from us. What deal my husband work all those years for?

I'm asking that you consider all the miners and their families when you make your decision. Please pray and ask God to guide you to make the right decision.

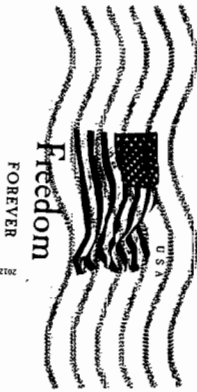
May God Bless You  
And please consider all  
the coal miners and their  
families

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