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Honorable Kathy A. Surratt

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. My name is Mike Erwin, I worked for Peabody coal for about twenty-seven years and for Patriot Coal about three and half years.

I like many young men started work and chose to find a occupation with promise and security for my family. My Father had worked for Peabody his entire working career. During that time he enjoyed a good living and benefits. I thought I would enjoy the same for me and my family.

I believe that Peabody has ~~unfairly~~ unfairly and because of greed have broken their obligations they promised me my whole working career. I kept my ~~obligation~~ commitment to them and stayed with Peabody when I could have gone to other jobs.

I hope that Peabody will not be able to pull this plan of theirs off at the expense of the ~~very~~ very ones that made them the world's largest coal company because of our work and dedication to them.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter that sits before you.

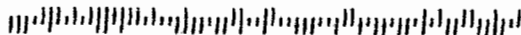
God Bless

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