

Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States,

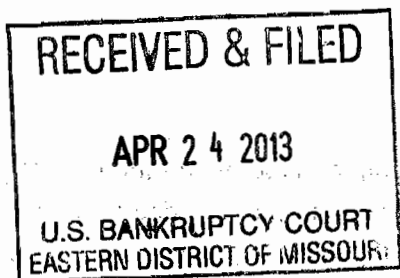
I am writing in regards to the suit that will negatively affect thousands of people if you rule in favor of Peabody/Patriot Coal Mines. My father, Kirby Youngblood, worked for Peabody Coal Mine in southern Indiana for 32 years. He worked countless hours and was a very dedicated and loyal employee to Peabody, NOT Patriot, so that he could eventually retire and continue to provide for his family. Since he was employed by Peabody, he should not be denied his pension or medical insurance due to a very dishonest agreement between Peabody and Patriot. The tactics Patriot is using are dishonest, repulsive, and unethical!

My father and mother both have numerous medical issues and are not able to qualify for medicare at this time. If pension and insurance were to be taken away, they would not be able to afford the medical care that they both require daily. It would be a major disservice to rule against thousands of people that have worked so hard all of their life for a company that promised to provide pensions and insurance for them and their families for their lifetime. Many companies complain that there is a decline in loyal employees, but here are thousands of people that poured their hearts and souls into their jobs and were promised financial and medical security for life. What kind of example would that set to rule in favor of hardworking, dedicated employees that worked 30+ years for a single employer to have everything they've worked for taken away?!? I beg of you to have compassion for my father as well as thousands of others and allow them to continue to receive the benefits they have worked their entire lives to receive!!!

Sincerely,



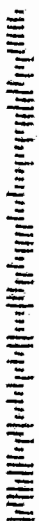
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