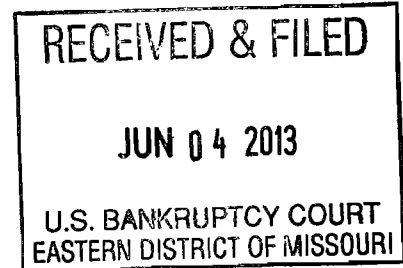


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Dear Madam,

The Court's ruling in Patriot Coal's bankruptcy is almost laughable if it wasn't true. Patriot Coal was permitted to give \$6.9 million in bonuses to key employees while renegeing on their written contract with the United Mine Workers of America. Weren't these 'key personnel' culpable for Patriot Coal's bankruptcy more than the individuals that never worked for Patriot Coal? President Barack Obama's response to the \$450 million (financial unit) and the \$1.2 billion (entire corporation) proposed bonuses at AIG after the United States government bailed out AIG, "It's hard to understand how derivative traders at AIG warranted any bonuses, much less \$165 million in extra pay. How do they justify this outrage to the taxpayers who are keeping the company afloat?" Tyco, Enron, Dynegy, and WorldCom also used fraudulent tactics to mislead stockholders and the American public. History does indeed repeat itself.

Columnist Bill McClellan of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch wrote an excellent article "Patriot Coal case show how federal judges live by than own rules." Very informative, but heartbreaking. ☹

U.S. District Judge Michael Reagan stated the community "lacks respect for the law because public corruption is rampant" and has documented 38 separate incidents since 1997. I'm sure you're knowledgeable of St. Clair County Circuit Judge Michael Cook's *alleged* possession of a controlled substance (heroin) while possessing a firearm. St. Clair County Chief Judge John Barcevic stated Judge Cook has resided over 500 criminal cases since 2010 and "now those found guilty can come back and demand new trails." (5KSDK.com dated May 30, 2013). I strongly object to my tax dollars being used to purchase illegal drugs and holding additional court trials due to the residing judge being a drug addict. Once again, the American public is forced to 'pick up the tab'.

Unless our nation finds the courage to address the injustices confronting middle class Americans, our culture will vanish like the Mississippians before us.

Sincerely,

(Name withheld by request)

I fear our government will target me for voicing my opinions.

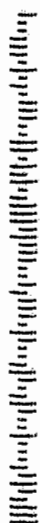
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