

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - States
Re: Case No. 12-51502

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St. Louis, MO 63102

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I started working in the mine for Peabody just out of High School. It was in the late Seventies. My brother and friends were already working for Peabody.

My grandfather also worked in the mines from 1915 until the 1960s. The conditions in those days were terrible. It was very sad to see the shell of my grandfather with Black Lung and broken down on oxygen every day! At least he and my grandmother had the comfort of knowing that they had good health care.

It is one thing to do a job as dangerous and hazardous to your health as underground mining is with the understanding by doing so I and my wife would have full medical benefits at the age of fifty five. Who in the world would work seven to eight miles underground in damp, wet conditions, breathing

rock and coal dust into their lungs six days a week while the roof, ribs of rock and slate fall in on you crippling you up knowing that no health care would be there when you get older and need it. We counted on our health care the same as the wages that we agreed on by our contract time and time again.

I am 1 1/2 years away from turning fifty five years old and getting the health care that was promised.

Please don't let Peabody do this to us!

Respectfully,

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