

January 17, 2013

To The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

Re: Case No. 12-51502

Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse

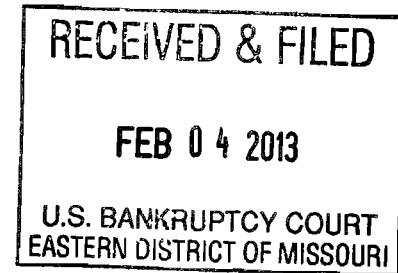
111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor

St. Louis, MO 63102

From: Erma J. Allen

155 Woodland Drive

Daniels, WV. 25832



Dear Honorable Kathy A. Surratt- States:

My name is Erma J.Allen of the above address and I am a widow of a coal miner, Lawrence W. Allen. I am writing on behalf of the Patriot bankruptcy case that you will soon hear. I am on fixed income and am 83 years old and my UMWA miners pension and health insurance could be affected by this forthcoming bankruptcy decision . Since my husband died over 2 years ago, my monthly income dropped and my UMWA miners pension and health insurance coverage are very important and vital in my life. Please remember the coal miners and widows when you make your decision.

Patriot Coal Services, LLC of 12312 Olive Blvd. St. Louis, MO. 63141 314-275-3600 recently on Jan. 05, 2013 changed our health insurance plan to UMR of P. O. Box 30541 Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0541 Group Health Plan: 76-430046 and I am Erma Allen participant and with I.D. No. 14008171. I don't know why Patriot Coal changed our insurance to another company as I didn't have a problem with the old insurance health carrier, but I hope and pray it will be a good move for the coal miners and widows and survivors.

My late husband Lawrence worked in the coal mines for 33 years and my first husband worked in the mines for 21 years...and I had 9 children from Everett Ayers my first husband so I know these dangers these men faced every day underground and how they loved coal mining. Please

be sure the widows are treated with fairness, compassion and respect.

Thank you and God bless America!!

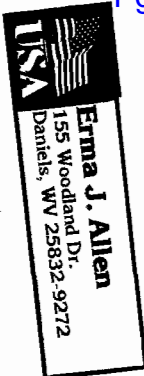
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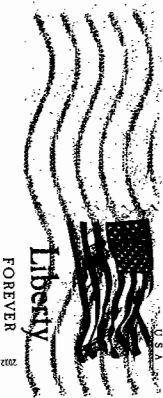
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