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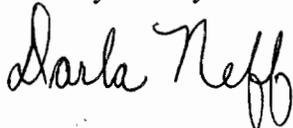
The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
Re-Case No. 12-51502
Thomas F Eagleton U.S.Courthouse
111 South 19th Street, 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO 63102

Your Honor,

I am writing to ask for your consideration in regards to the Patriot Coal Bankruptcy proceedings. I am a widow of a retired UMWA coal miner who worked at the Peabody Coal Co. in Lynnville Indiana, not Patriot Coal. My only income is the widow's pension check I receive. My husband devoted his entire working years to the coal mining industry trusting that he would be rewarded with a nice pension and health care for live promised by Peabody Coal Company. As his surviving spouse, without the continued benefit of the health care for life benefit, I will not have any health care insurance as I can not afford it. I am 57 years old and have not worked outside of the home. My husband always told me if anything ever happened to him I would be taken care of through his benefit plan from Peabody Coal Co. The impact of this would be devastating not just for me but for hundreds of coal miners and their families.

Peabody Coal paid Mr. Boyce, CEO millions of dollars in salary and compensation in 2011. Peabody Coal has reaped the benefit of the hard work of coal miners over the years who honored their part of the benefit agreement. It should be illegal for a company to renege on their promise to coal miners.

Thank you for your consideration.



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