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EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

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

I am writing to let you know of the serious challenges me and my family will suffer if Patriot Coal is permitted to break the promises that were made when they signed the UMWA contract.

In May of 2011 I was admitted to the hospital to have heart bypass surgery. I had to have 5 of them. While in ICU the doctors discovered that the bottom left part of my lung was gone, so I had to have oxygen for about 2 months. There is no way I could have paid for my care if not for my medical and prescription insurance card. Also, there is no way I can afford to pay for the medicine that I have to take now if not for my medical and prescription insurance card. I also have high cholesterol, high blood pressure & silicosis.

I don't know what we will do if the same thing happens to my wife.

I have worked for Arch Coal and Patriot Coal for over 30 years to earn my medical and prescription insurance and my pension.

Please do not let them take what I have worked so hard for and earned away

from us now.

I am a member of the UMWA, District  
17, Local No. 5958, and I live in a small  
coal camp in Kopperston, WV.

Thank You,

Rhet E. Hodlet SK  
Marianne Brackett

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