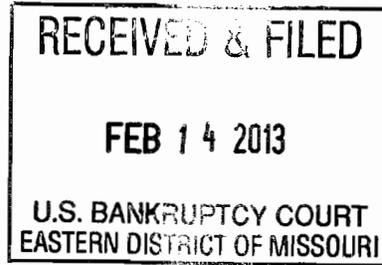


February 9, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States  
Re: Case No. 12-51502  
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse  
111 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
St. Louis, MO 63102



Your Honor:

I have written one letter concerning the possibility of us losing our insurance and how devastating that could be for my wife especially, since this is her only insurance, and she has many health concerns right now.

The reason I am writing this letter is in response to what I have been hearing about what can happen as a result of this bankruptcy proceeding with Patriot Coal.

When Peabody took over control of Eastern Associated Coal, they rented a room in the student center at West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV, and had a dinner for any of us who would come to talk to us and explain what was going on. At this dinner, which my wife and I attended, we were at a table with Irl Enghardt and his wife, who is now the CEO of Peabody, and he personally, along with the designated speakers, talked about how that we were all there together to establish a relationship and open lines of communication, and that we were all there for the same reason, to earn a living and provide for our families in the best manner possible. They emphasized that, while they were the managers, we were the ones who actually produced the product which our company depended upon. And we should come together as a family and work together to try and help each other to get the best results possible for everyone involved.

I worked for this company for just over 35 years, and was forced to retire as a result of being injured on the job. They installed something which I told them was very dangerous and warned them that someone could get hurt doing this. After I was injured, they were told to redesign this procedure so it wasn't so dangerous. I retired from Peabody in 2006 and Patriot was formed the next year. I didn't know anything about it until I received a letter from Peabody informing me of that situation, and informing me that I would be getting some shares of stock, one for every 10 shares of Peabody stock which I owned.

Now I am informed that since this new company is going bankrupt that our old company Peabody doesn't have any responsibility to us for all the years that we worked for them. The certificate that I have included apparently doesn't mean anything to them, and I am sending a picture of some of the trinkets they have given us over the years, all from either Eastern or Peabody, not Patriot. I just want my company to keep its promises. I was raised to do my work so I could be proud of what I do, and if I gave someone my word, it should be as dependable as any contract, with no fine print.

I feel that Peabody has 'passed the buck' and if it is allowed to get away with this, then the working class in this country has went backwards and lost most of the rights that we have historically bargained for, some of them before I was even old enough to know about them. And I feel that this will cause a lot of trouble that should never happen, all because of greed. It's not right, and I read about it every day, how our CEO's and high officials get millions in rewards and bonuses, while the workers can't even depend on the benefits that we have worked so long and hard for. After all, if it wasn't for us workers, nobody would have anything. Is it any wonder our economy is having so many problems?

Yours Truly,

David R. Efaw

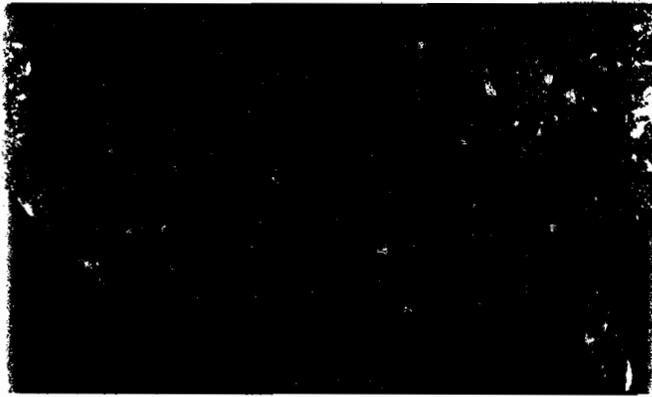
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Thank you for your many years of dedicated service. You are a member of the best team in the industry, whose actions have helped Peabody continue to succeed in our mission. On behalf of the Peabody family, allow me to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks in recognition of your service and achievements.

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