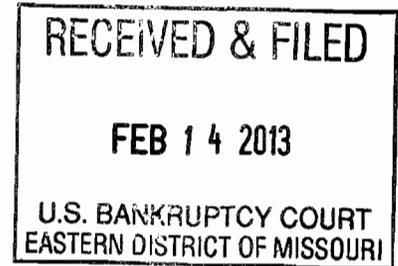


February 8, 2013



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

Re: Patriot Coal Bankruptcy Hearing

Your Honor,

I appreciate any time you can take to hear a how story of how the Patriot Coal Co Bankruptcy filing impacts our lives. My husband worked for Peabody Coal Company at the Lynnville Indiana mine over 30 years. He worked 6-7 days a week sacrificing time with his family working towards the time he could retire with a pension and health care for life for both of us. Our future depends on the promise Peabody Coal Company and the Government made to the mine workers.

My husband is 62 years old and I am 60 years old. Too young to get Medicare too old to find new careers. This situation will completely alter our lives and potentially ruin us financially. My husband gave Peabody Coal 30 years of his life in exchange for healthcare for life and a pension. Peabody Coal is far from bankruptcy.... I don't know if the spin off of Patriot Coal and the transfer of the retirement liability is legal, but it for sure isn't ethical and should be considered a crime. It is stealing the financial security from the hard working people that made Peabody Coal what it is today.

Thank you for any consideration you can give to us and our brothers and sisters in the UMW.

Eva Harmon
Joseph R Harmon
Boonville, IN

I find it a personal slap in the face that we are fighting for what is rightfully ours and Peabody Coal's CEO was paid \$10.2 million in 2011. Wonder how he would feel if they were to spin off executive payroll to Patriot Coal...??

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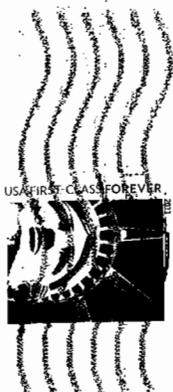
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