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RE: Case No. 12-51502

Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States,

I am writing on behalf of my husband, Thomas E. Loos. He worked as a coal miner in the strip mines for 22 years. Whether the temperature was 100 or 10 below, he showed up to work. The mine companies promised that if he worked for them for 20 years, that he would receive a good retirement pension and healthcare for him and his wife for the rest of their lives. Through the years, every time a new contract was negotiated the mine companies would counter pay increases with the promise of that great retirement pension and healthcare coverage.

Well, my husband is now retired. He retired early because he came down with Multiple Sclerosis. All the wonderful plans that we had made, for the things we would do and places we would go "someday", when he didn't have to work anymore, will never happen. My husband can barely walk and needs constant care. That "great" retirement pension is just \$400 a month, but at least we had that healthcare coverage. We were so grateful for that! Since my husband has MS, it would be nearly impossible at this point to find someone willing to insure him! Now the mine companies want to file bankruptcy so they can reopen under a different name and evade the promises made to their former employees. Your honor, that is not fair. This is all my husband has for his 22 years of loyal service. Please do not let them get by with this! Please see this deception for what it is!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darla Loos".

Darla Loos

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The Honorable Kathy A. Sarratt - States

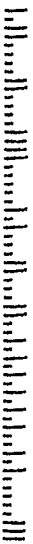
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