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The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt
Re: Case No, 12-51502
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S.Courthouse
111 South 10th Street, 4th floor
St. Louis, MO 6310

Honorable Kathy A. Surratt,

I am a member of Local Union # 7604 Kopperston, W.V. District 17. I (Douglas Johnson) am a disabled coal miner, totally disabled, due to a mining accident July 10,1988. I was riding a runaway mine-car. I jumped out of the car hit a wall was thrown underneath the second runaway car and drug down the tracks. As you can surmise I sustained multiple injuries, which kept me from working again.

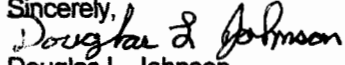
My and my wife's medical insurance coverage was provided by Patriot coal through UMR this was our only insurance coverage. On January 01,1991 I signed up for Medicare. Medicare became primary UMR became the secondary insurance.

January 1,2013 Patriot coal dropped my insurance coverage and assigned me a Medicare supplement insurance (United Health Care) to which I pay \$104.90 a month. Now, my wife and I have only one insurance with no secondary insurance to help with our medical bills which are many. United Health care only pays what Medicare will pay. I need a Heart Valve replacement. I have had knee replacements, both legs. Diabetes, pacemaker, high blood pressure, fractured Pelvis back pain, a

blood- pocket on left leg, from mining accident, that cant be removed because the infection could spread through my body and, I can hardly walk. My wife is bed fast and totally dependent on me. I am being treated for depression and can't see that getting better with worrying about more medical bills. I received a phone call from Appalachian Home Health my wife's Home health provider, stating that some of her medical supplies will not be paid for through United Health Care. My wife needs open heart but has medical issues to be resolved before she is able for the surgery.

I had to go to work at age 16 because my father died and my mom could not support the four children she was left with after his death. I worked hard all my life, until the mining accident left me totally disabled. I am shocked that the benefits I earned can be taken away. Every time I entered the mines I knew I may never see my family or the light of day again, but it was how I supported my family.

I hope that this letter will somehow help explain the hardship my wife and I are facing, along with all the miners involved, because my former employer is now trying to get out of their obligations to their former employees.

Sincerely,

Douglas L. Johnson

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