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Dear your Honorable Kathy A. Swartz-Staten,

I worked at Synnville mine in Synnville In. for 32 years. We raised 5 children while I worked for Peabody Coal Co. We had a lot of ups & downs & I did some things I wasn't proud of but when Peabody decided to close our mine on Dec. 31, 1999 I was not old enough to retire or financially able either. I choose to drive a semi delivering plastic pellets to earn a living for me and my wife and did so from Mar. 6th 2000 to June 6, 2011. During this time Peabody changed our ins. and name of the company. All the time I drove I never used the Miners Insurance but purchased hospital ins. from the co. I drove for. When I retired at 68 yrs old in 2011 I started using UMW ins. which switched to UMR ins. Patriot Coal. All the time I drove for 11 years I never took a vacation or missed a day of work.

In Dec. of 2009 I had a CT scan & was diagnosed with bladder cancer. They removed a tumor and some small ones in a 6 month period. I then have been

Cancer free. I started going to church in January of 1999 & have not missed a Sunday of church since. In February of 2012 I had my regular scoping of my bladder and was told I was still cancer free but needed to come in to my doctor's office the following week Feb. 13th. In October of 2011 I went on a spiritual walk called the Walk to Emmaus & received such a blessing I decided to work the next walk in March of 2012. So I was attending formation meetings each Sunday evening for 7 weeks. So I expressed this to my Doctor. When I went to her on the 13th she said I had a blocked kidney & if not taken care of I would lose my kidney.

So on 14th she inserted a tube straight into my kidney an into a bag. This was to be in place for 1 week and then she wanted to place a stent from my kidney to my bladder. She wanted to check if stent was open and if it was it could be removed on the 28th of February. On or about the 21st she did regular cysto-scoping and told me my cancer was back and not to Pray before coming to Operating Room. I decided she could not be

my Doctor any longer. I then sought another Doctor at an Urology center.

This Dr. Said I could pray anywhere I wanted in his hospital and he would pray with me. He said he would check the stent to make sure it was open and if it was he would leave it in place till after the Emmaus Walk in March. So on the 20th of Feb at my Emmaus Formation I told my group my cancer was back and they asked if they could pray for me. They took me in front of our group of approx. 30 men and the Minister anointed me with Oil of all laid their hand on me. So on the 28th the ^{Dr.} did the cysto-scope to make sure all was ok. He came out of operating room and told my Wife, Pastor and 2 cousins it was definitely malignant & I would probably lose my Kidney also. I was told to come back on Friday Mar. the 2nd to decide what to do.

When I returned to his office on Friday he told me he called his Pathologist twice that Morning.

"My Cancer Was Gone!"

Praise God. I made the Emmaus Walk in March and I try to tell my story every day to

someone. Now almost a year later
I'm going for regular check of
bladder 21st of this month.

God willing I will still be
cancer free. I'm sorry if I
sound like I'm rambling. I will
be 70 April 1st. and now that I
need my Hospitalization and Pension
there is talk of Peabody taking
it away. I never worked for
Patriot coal but Peabody for
32 years, how can they shirk
what they promised us while
working. I have Faith that
God will let us prevail and
me and my wife of 45 yrs. can
relax and enjoy life. Please try
to rule in favor of keeping our
insurance and pensions. Thank you
for listening and may God Bless
you.

With Gods Love,

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