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To:
The Hon. Kathy A. Surratt - States 2/17/2013

I am writing to you regarding the pending bankruptcy case (No. 12-51502) of Peabody/Patriot Coal. My name is John Kevin May and I am a 36 year old coal miner employed at Highland #9 Mine, located in Waverly, Ky and owned by Patriot Coal Co. I have a beautiful wife (Leslie), as well as two daughters, Alexandra (15yrs) and Avery (9yrs). I was diagnosed with a rare type of Cancer located in my right inner ear, called Cholesteatoma. I am two weeks away from having my 4th operation on March 6, 2013 in St. Louis, MO where Peabody Coal Company's Corporate office is ironically located.

The idea of the loss or even a decrease in my family's insurance coverage would be absolutely devastating to my health personally, as well as the well-being of the lives of my wife and my two daughters. Until my wife is able to complete her education, I am currently, and will continue to be the primary provider of our home.

I'm sure that you have recieved, and will continue to recieve countless testimonies with pleas of families that are in similar situations. Regardless of my personal medical needs, I, as well as every other employee, deserves to keep the insurance coverage and the benefits that they were promised. I hope and pray that my family's desperate situation becomes a sincere concern to you as you are hopefully and prayerfully making the decision to hold this company responsible to stand behind the promises made to the employees that made them successful.

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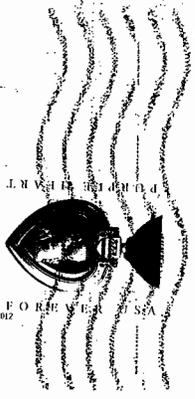
Thank you sincerely for your time and consideration
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