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EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

To the Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - States

My name is Katherine Nester. My husband went to work in the coal mines at 18 years of age. He was a healthy, middle aged man when he was injured and even against doctors advice went back and worked about a year and a half. He literally gave Peabody (Patriot) his health. We are on disability Social Security and I draw a little from working when I was first married. We are so thankful to have the medical benefits we have. I'm a two time cancer survivor and my husband, that Comp doctors told he would continue getting worse until surgery but no one would operate has to take so much medicine its unreal. If we were to lose these benefits. I don't know how we'd live. It would take his Social Security check for <sup>his</sup> medicines. I hope and am praying that you will stand and fight for our rights, and not let Peabody (Patriot) Arch Coal get away with taking away our benefits. It would be a death sentence to us as well as our 91V fellow miners and their families. The disabled, the retired the widows. This violates the contract that was brought & passed before the union. A country founded

ON TRUTH values and principles. When  
a mans word use to be his bond.

You must be under a lot of pressure  
and we in West Virginia have you  
in our prayers that God will give  
you the courage to do whats right.

It was said of the judge in Manhattan  
she would not let any fancy lawyer  
find and use loop-holes to avoid doing  
the right thing. I admire her! & Thank her.

Peoples lives and future are in  
your hands. Please take courage  
and stand up for what is right.

My husband, John E. Nester II worked  
twenty two years and gave his health  
to Peabody (Patriot Coal). He is in  
constant pain and he will never get  
back his health. And to think he and  
others will get nothing in return unless  
you rule in their favor.

Our last few updates have told us  
of the thousands of dollars in raises that  
the CEO and board members approved  
but yet they can't afford to honor  
the contract concerning our benefits.  
They just want more and more and  
we don't matter!

Thank you for listening and I'm asking  
once more DO WHAT IS RIGHT.

Case # 12-51502

God Bless American

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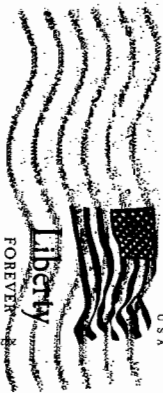
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