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EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT

February 27, 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States Re Case No. 12-51502 Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse 111 South 10 Street, 4th Floor St. Louis, MO 63102

Dear Judge Surratt-States

My name is Larry Morton and I am a member of UMWA. I worked for Peabody Coal Company for 30 years. In 2006, I received a letter from Peabody congratulating me on my retirement and informing me that my benefits would be effective 7/07/2006. A year later, I was told that Patriot Coal would be responsible for my benefits. Since this was a subsidiary of Peabody Holding Company, I believed that the contract I retired under would still be honored. Needless to say, I was wrong.

I do not understand all of the legal terms used in this case, but I do know one thing....What Peabody did was not right. They promised me health care for life and now they don't want to live up to that promise.

Please be an advocate for me and thousands of other retired miners by standing up to Peabody, Patriot, and Arch. Make them fulfill their obligations to the retirees of the UMWA.

Sincerely

Larry Morton

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