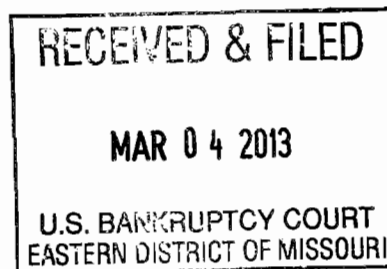


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The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
Re: Case No. 12-51502
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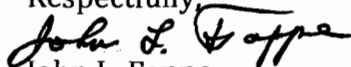
Dear Your Honor,

My name is John and I am retired from the coal mine. I am still a United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) member with 22 years of service and am very concerned about the situation between my fellow retired miners and Peabody, Arch and/or Patriot. Years ago a contract was negotiated between the UMWA and The Bituminous Coal Operators" Association, Inc. (BCOA) that we, the coal miners would agree to lower pensions in exchange for medical insurance for the miners and their dependents for life after 20 years of service, or 10 years of service and age 62

At the time, I wasn't in favor of this, but now at age 60, I understand that it was a very good deal. Although my Pension now is only \$810.47 a month, if I were forced to purchase health insurance, I would not be able to do so. Even if negotiations at the time would have went the other way, we would have gotten a much higher pension at retirement and could have possibly been able to find affordable healthcare, but if Peabody is allowed to renege on their obligations, many miners and their families will be served a great injustice.

These men and women have worked many years in filth and dangerous surroundings to get this medical card and have assurance that they themselves and their loved ones would be taken care of. Now, no one wants to claim ownership of this signed contract. Please give consideration to these hard working men and women who risked their own health down in the mines to get lifetime healthcare for themselves and their families.

Respectfully,


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