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2010 St. Ct. 70 E.

Drakesboro, Ky. 42337

To The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - States;

My name is Ruth Ann Strubbe.
My husband is Leonard E. Strubbe.
We live at 2010 St. Ct. 70 E, Drakesboro, Ky.
We have three grandsons living
with us. They are Allen his 21 years
old, Joseph his 12 years old and
Blayne who is 6 years old. My husband
and I are both 65 years old and
we will be married 47 years on
the 28th of this month.

To get to the real reason I am
writing to you is about the
bankruptcy that Patriot Coal has filed.
Its not fair, its not right, and its
wrong to do honest hard working
people like that. My husband
worked 35½ years and retired in
2004. He worked sick as well so we
could have a retirement that was

promised to us by the coal industry.
We have raised three children
of our own. We are raising three
grandsons now, but we have had
other children in our home. And we
have always told them to love
God, work hard and when you get
older you can retire and not have
to worry about money and doctor
bills. This is what we have worked
for, and now they are trying to
take it all away from us. Not just
us but everyone that has worked
hard and long and honest for them.

My husband has coronary artery
disease. He's had six stents in
his heart, he's had two stents in
his legs, he's had triple by-pass
surgery. We count on our insurance.
I have health issues of my own also.
It's not right for Patrust, Peabody
and Coal to do the people that have
entrusted them with their lives and

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their retirement to do the people like they are. Just because they have a lot of money, and their greedy doesn't make it right. I don't know a whole lot, I'm not educated, but I do know right from wrong. And what they are trying to do is wrong.

Please think about your decision, and pray about it. I don't know about you, but I like to sleep at night when I go to bed. There's nothing like having piece of mind when you lay your head down on that pillow at night. To know you haven't done anything to hurt or harm someone else. But if Patriot and Peabody and Arch are allowed to go through with this it is going to hurt so many people. Not just us but a whole lot of people. People who don't deserve to be hurt. People who trusted the

Coal Companies to keep their promise.
The bible says the love of money is
the root of evil. Well these coal
companies are evil and they think
its all about money. Well its not,
Its about trust, honesty, faith,
doing right. If they are allowed to
do this, who knows your retirement
and medical benefits may be next
to be taken away. I hope not, just
like I hope ours isn't.

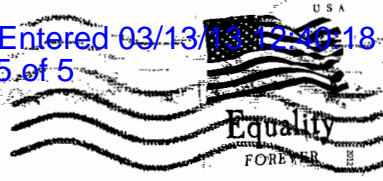
I thank you for reading this
letter. I hope and pray that you
will do what is right for the
people. They deserve what is right.
Please don't let big business and
big industry take away what good
honest people have worked so hard
and so long for. I'll pray for you,
and your decision. And may God
bless you and yours.

Thank you
Leth Ann Smith

Luth Ann Brubaker
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The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - States
Re: Case No. 12-51502

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