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

Judge Surratt-States,

My name is William "James" Burns, Jr. and I am a 62 year old disabled coal miner from Patriot Coal, I started working in 1974, 4 years after I graduated from High School. I started out working for Amherst Coal and have been working ever since up until June of 2006 when I had to retire and take my disability.

I have had 3 surgeries on my shoulders, 1 on my hand and 1 on my knee and get injections on these plus my foot. I know I made not be on oxygen as some of my fellow retired miners and in as much serious condition as them, but I can't afford to lose my health benefits or retirement either. Medicare doesn't pay much at all and I can't pay out what the doctors or hospitals want, and it wouldn't be right for me to accumulate bills that my children would one day have to pay out on my behalf. I need my benefits just like anyone else.

My wife doesn't work outside of the home and if I lose my benefits in turn she will lose hers and be without anything, at the age of 55 and not worked much in her lifetime, there isn't many places that would hire her if needed.

I think that it is very unfair the way we are being treated, we have put in many long days and years for the coal mines and I have worked hard for them overtime, called out in the middle of the nights when I was the only one that could do the job and do it the way they wanted. I never went underground, I was a 1st class

welder, but still my body has paid the price. I only want what is fair and right for me and the other miners. We were promise pay, health and retirement with each new company that bought out the other mine we work for, so they have to keep their promise to take care of us.

Please don't let them get by with this, if this one coal company does, then it could trigger others to try the same thing. Patriot knew what they were doing when they bought out Arch and Peabody.

Thank you for reading my letter and allowing me a voice in this fight.

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