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EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Dear Honorable Judge

I started working at Peabody mine #10 in 1966 at the age of 19. Many times the coal dust was so thick you could barely see to do your job. Many of these days I was tempted to quit my job as a coal miner. Dark and dangerous job was putting it mildly. I seen and been in near death experiences and we had many injuries and fatalities. There were times I was visibably shaken from roof falls and machine accidents I'll never forget. I must have been young and dumb to have stayed there.

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I had a wife and child to support, so that also made a difference.

As the years went by I stayed on knowing I would be taken care of when I retired. Physical problems mounted from mine injuries. The machinery noise took its toll on my hearing also.

I went on to work at Marissa, Ill. Peabody's mine also after mine #10 closed. I felt I needed to be with Peabody expecting to be helped in my retirement as promised.

I am appalled that Peabody has used this scheme to get out of over
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retirement benefits.

Without these dedicated miners Peabody would not be where they are today.

I know I am unloading here but I felt I had to speak my mind.

Both my Grandfather and uncle were killed at Peabody mines here in Illinois. They would never believe what Peabody is doing to get out of paying our benefits.

Thank you so much for your time.

Peabody (Patriot)
Retirees

Peabody Retiree
Taylorville, IL



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