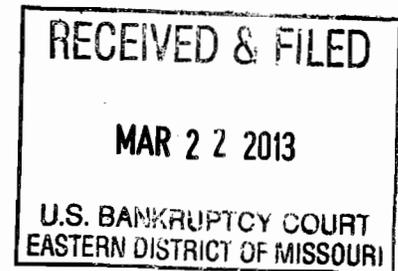


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March 15, 2013

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

Dear Judge Surratt-States:

The recent actions taken by Patriot Coal Corporation have exiled those reliant on the UMWA. Patriot's efforts have violated the collective bargaining agreement previously agreed upon. Insurance was promised to the members and their dependents. If Patriot is allowed to file for bankruptcy, a plethora of other companies will follow suit. You can see the grim scene potentially to arise. It remains imperative that you consider the thousands of families whose lives depend on your impending ruling.

I have worked 30 years as an underground coal miner, I had to retire four years ago due to bad health and desperately need my insurance that Patriot promised me. I have sacrificed health and time to ensure I would have retirement and insurance to support me and my family. With the rising cost of health care, and being a retired coal miner, paying for insurance is an unaffordable option. I suffer from medical problems and will require medical aid the remainder of my life.

I am assured you understand the situation at hand with your many years of practice. You realize the toll placed on these families due to their commitment to the coal mining industry. With the many medical issues created from their work, I hope you rule in favor of supporting these families. Do not leave these members of the UMWA without hope for all they have sacrificed to Patriot Coal Corporation, the mining industry, and the United States of America.

Sincerely,

David R. Older

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David R. Older".

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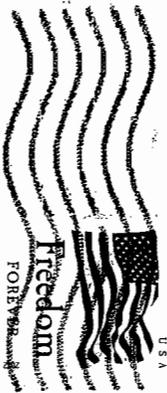
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