

Dear Hon. Kathy A. Surattates,

Thank you for taking the time to read ^{my letter} ~~my letter~~. My name is James Dorris. I work for Patriot Coal Highland #9 mine in western, Ky. I have worked for highland beginning in 2005 still Peabody Coal at that time; till Present. 8 YR. Previously I worked for Peabody Comp #11 mine. I started working at Camp #11 in 1978 until the closing of the mine in 2003. 22 1/2 YR. I hope you will consider in making your decision on the bankruptcy. That Peabody, Patriot, and the U.M.W.A. have for years now signed contracts. Now Patriot wants to get the courts to relieve them of that contractual obligation. I believe the men and women that belong to the union have lived up to our part of the contract.

It is hard for me to understand how a company can say well we made some "Bad" decisions so now we just can't stay in business unless we take away what we agreed to. I also understand that Patriot has ask the court to let them give bonuses to these same people that have run this company in the ground. I have been around coal mining for about 40 YRS. now, and what I see happening at highland is very unusual. They have bought more new equipment in the past few months since bankruptcy began. I know equipment wears out and needs to be replaced. But not like I've have seen taking place now. look's like some one's going to be in pretty good shape when this is over. I feel I have given my working life and health to this company Peabody Patriot looking forward to the day I could retire with the health care benefits that have been promised all these many many years. Sincerely James H. Dorris

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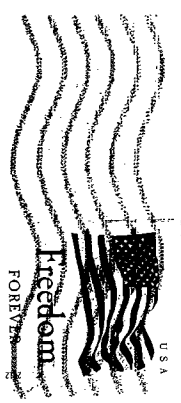
PLEASE STAND FOR THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN
NOT THE WEALTHY FEW AT THE TOP!

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