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HON. KATHY A. SURRATT-STATES

Re: CASE NO. 12-51502

I AM a 65 year old Coal Miner, CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY GATEWAY INC., A SUBSIDIARY OF Peabody Energy, AT GATEWAY MINE COALTONVILLE, IL. AS A FORMER U.M.W.A. MINER AND SOMEONE WHO LOST HIS PROMISED HEALTHCARE WHEN NEW HORIZON NATURAL RESOURCES USED THE SAME TATIC THAT PATROIT COAL IS TRYING TO USE NOW TO RID IT SEFT OF ITS OBLIGATIONS. I AM ALL TO FAMILIAR WITH THE CASE BEFORE YOU.

IN THE PAST TEN YEARS I HAVE SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK, HAD BACK SURGERY, CARPAL TUNNEL SURGERY ON BOTH HANDS AND A STRAINED KNEE THAT KEPT ME OFF WORK FOR THREE AND A HALF MONTHS. ALL OF THIS IN MY OPINION WAS WORK RELATED. I ALSO HAVE THE MISFORTUNE OF BEING AN AMPUTEE, HAVING LOST MY RIGHT LEG IN A HUNTING ACCIDENT YEARS AGO, SO I HAVE TO PURCHASE AND MAINTAIN AN ARTIFICIAL PROSTHESIS. MY WIFE SUFFERS FROM CHRONIC BACK PAIN DUE TO A GENETIC SPINE DISORDER, NEURALGIA TO HER HANDS AND BURNING IN HER RIGHT LEG NO DR. CAN DIAGNOS.

THE HEALTH CARE AND PRESCRIPTION MEDS WE MUST HAVE, HAVE FORCED ME TO CONTINUE TO WORK IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE HEALTHCARE WE MUST HAVE. A MAJOR REASON I AM WORKING AS AN UNDERGROUND MINER AT GATEWAY MINE.

TO ME IT IS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT Peabody Energy AND ARC MINERAL DESIGNED A PLAN DESTINED FOR FAILURE WHEN THEY CREATED PATROIT COAL. A PLAN TO RID THEMSELVES OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO THEIR CURRENT AND RETIRED EMPLOYEES, THE VERY PEOPLE WHO HELPED THEM BECOME SUCCESSFUL COMPANIES. PATROIT COAL WILL NEVER RECOVER AND BECOME A SUCCESSFUL COMPANY. THE PROFIT MARGIN IS MORE FAVORABLE WHEN THEY FAIL. WHY ELSE WOULD THESE SUCCESSFUL ENERGY COMPANIES CREATE A "NEW" COMPANY AND LOAD IT WITH

so heavy a debt, knowing that IT (The new company) would NOT have the profit to cover the expense. These are companies that have been very successful and could have seen the business plan would NOT succeed.

The employees and retirees are humble people they work hard and only want to provide for their families, through the years they worked and fought to keep their health care. Now PATRIOT wants to take that from them, to be rewarded for mismanaging their company while they award their managers huge bonuses.

I'm sure you are aware of the dangers involved with underground mining, the health risk that miners face daily, if you would like to see these first hand ask Peabody Energy for a tour of Gateway Mine, they give tours all the time, the mine is located within a 50 mile radius of your office and would only take a few hours from your schedule and I'm sure Peabody Energy would accommodate you.

I understand that your obligation is to interpret the law, and your decision will be based on that. Perhaps according to the law, you can only find in PATRIOT'S favor.

The people who oppose this bankruptcy seek only justice to get what they worked for and were promised. They are NOT seeking any kind of charity or some huge settlement, just what they have earned.

In closing I will only ask, if PATRIOT coal is successful in this case, where do the employees and retirees, left with nothing but a broken promise, turn for the necessary health care.

MAY GOD BLESS you in your decision

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