

Honorable Kathy A. Sumatt

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Your Honor

My name is Donald Smith I worked for Peabody coal co. for 22 years and was laid-off, upon recall I found myself working for Patriot coal co. I was told that nothing had changed my benefits, pension ~~and~~ and all other benefits would stay the same.

In 2005 I had a mine injury, 8^{1/2} ~~months~~ months and two back surgeries later I returned to work and worked 3 years until 2008 and had a recurrence to my back and was advised by my doctor to retire, Now facing a 3rd surgery down faced with possibly losing my healthcare.

all my working life I was so proud to be a coal miner for Peabody. Now I just feel like Peabody's promise has been broken and we have been let down after years of hard labor.

Please just think of us in the days to come.
Thank you so much for your time.
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