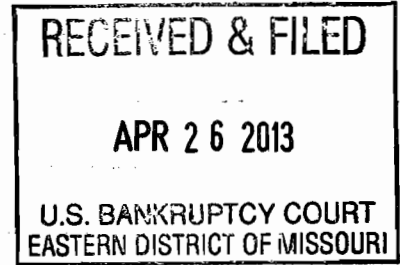


The Hon. Kathy A. Surratt-States
Re: Case No. 12-51502
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse
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Dear Hon. Kathy A. Surratt-States,

My dad, Delbert Lee Harris worked for Peabody Coal Company over 31 years. He passed away on February 26, 2000. My dad had black lung from working all those years for Peabody Coal Company and had had several heart attacks with the final one being on February 26, 2000. It has not been easy for my mother the last 13 years. She does all the outside work at her home even cleaning out the gutters in order to save money. My mother will be 70 on September 6th of this year; she is a diabetic and has had four major surgeries in the last 8 years. In fact, she is still the hardest working woman I have ever known even despite her age.

Peabody Coal Company promised the retired workers and their spouses their insurance. Peabody Coal Company sold to Patriot Coal, who is taking bankruptcy. My mother, Sue Card Harris is worried that she is going to lose her insurance and will have to depend on the State for medical assistance and she says that a lot of retired workers + spouses will have to do the same.

I hope you can see it in your heart to help them and not let Patriot Coal Company and Peabody Coal Company break their

promise to the retired miners and their spouses.

Thank You,

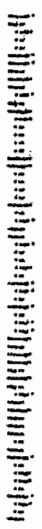
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