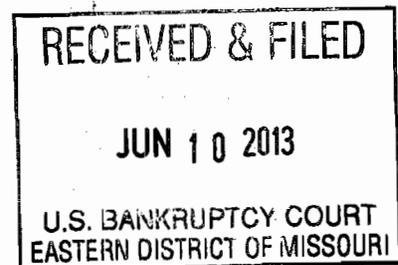


TO HONORABLE JUDGE SURRETT STATES

I am writing in reference to the decision you made on the Patriot Coal bankruptcy. Do you not realize the possible impact on coal miners and retiree's we could be facing? We are in our mid 70's. We live on social security and a \$460.00 mine pension. That is all we have. Our good benefit is our health coverage. You are telling Patriot they not longer have to give us. I worked in a dangerous and unhealthy underground mine. We cannot afford paying large health insurance payments. When Patriot bought Peabody members and retiree's they adopted us. You should not be able to ~~just~~ quit taking care of the obligation to us especially in our late life. When you made this decision did you look at what Patriot owners and shareholders reap each year. They never worked in an underground work place but they expect great returns in our sweat. Just think Judge what goes around comes around and if in your late years what do you think you will be facing. Your decision was a slap in the face to all coal miners. Everyday I hope you think of me and my wufe not being able to enjoy the good life that we should have. We are even afraid to take a small vacation. I feel like a slave who has not say about ~~us~~ who owns us and what our future will hold. You sold us out and we have no future.

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