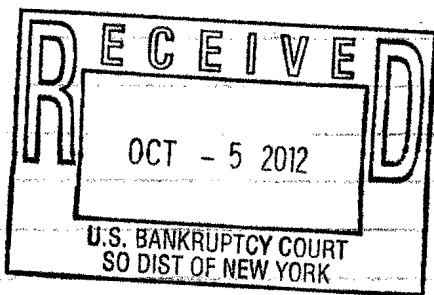


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My Name is Daniel Boone, I started working for Eastern Associated Coal Corp (Patriot Coal) on October 8, 1973. I was raised by my parents, my father was a UMWA worker as was my Grandfather and Great Grandfather. I was brought up to believe that if I worked hard, I would be rewarded for my labor when I was old enough to retire. Now the time is near and I am afraid of losing my Health benefits because of Patriot Coals bankruptcy status. I was laid off by Eastern Associated Coal Corp for over 16 years. I was recalled in July 2000 and was glad to start building my retirement again. I am almost 60 years old and have had back surgery, 3 stints placed in my heart, eye surgery plus other medical problems. My wife has heart problems, diabetes, and other health problems. After being laid off for 16 years my pension will not be much to live on, but I must have health insurance to be able to live. Please think of me and all of the other miners carefully before making your decision.

THANK YOU

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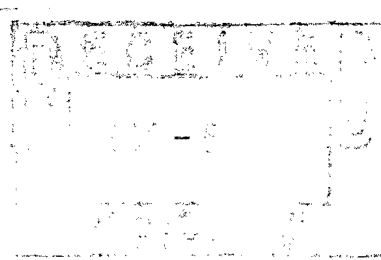
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