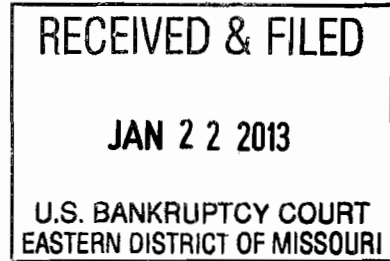


January 15<sup>th</sup> 2013

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States  
Re: Case No. 12-51502  
Thomas F. Eagleton U. S. Courthouse  
111 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
St. Louis, MO 63102



To the Honorable Kathy A Surratt-State,

I am a disabled coal miner from southern West Virginia. I have been disabled since 1999. I am sure people think coal miners are ignorant about world affairs.

Coal companies are trying the same things the Auto Industry tried just a few years ago, although our officials stopped them.

I beg you to use your power to help Coal mining families to survive an attempt to do the same. We have worked in unfavorable conditions to get our benefits promised us.

Without these benefits, we will be in ruin. Our healthcare as we know it gone, our way of living gone, we will be put in a poverty situation. Simply because our benefits offset what the government will not do.

The working people of this country have suffered enough, while business's are making vast fortunes.

I am sure you can see the attempt to rid themselves of responsibilities they agreed on. Please rule in the favor of mining families.

Thank you,  
Don E. Austin

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don E. Austin".

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