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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

To: The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - Stat

My name is Hubert Gene Hager. To give you a little information about myself. I never graduated high school, I later obtained my G.E.D. I worked three jobs when I was 16 years old. In 1973 I started in the Coal mines with Armco Steel. I worked for them until Peabody bought them out, in 1984. I worked for Peabody until 2007 when they spun off Patriot. I was forced to a mine where Patriot ultimately wanted rid of older workers. I had 36 years service with this same company. Although every lawyer we spoke with told us we had a good discrimination case no one would take it.

I want to tell you about my family. I have two grown children with 2 kids each. My son-in-law hasn't worked in over a year because of the economy. And my son also struggles with a low paying job. I have to help my kids and grandkids every day. I am now disabled and depend on my health care and retirement. I worked for all my life. I am not well educated nor able to try working again. People talk a lot about health, but no one realizes how devastating coal mining is on your health. 20 years in a coal mines is a life time in most other industries. I worked all my life in good faith being told that I would have health care and a pension. I ask of you for myself and thousands of others. Please do not let this company destroy thousands of families over their corporate greed. Myself and many others stood at work when this spinoff took place and said within 5 years they will file bankruptcy and that is exactly what they did. Thank you very much for taking time to listen to what I have said. I hope that you will ultimately rule in our favor.

Thank you
Hubert Gene Hager

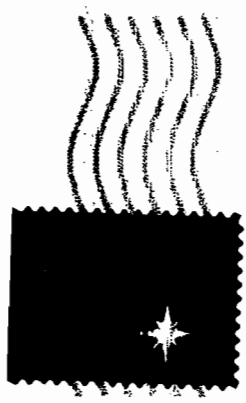
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