

October 2, 2012

The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman  
One Bowling Green  
Courtroom 621  
New York, NY 10004-1408

RE: Patriot Coal Company Bankruptcy

Dear Judge Chapman:

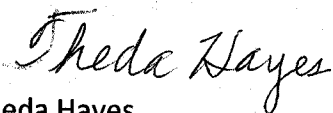
I am a 77 year old widow of a coal miner who was a member of UMWA District 31 in Fairmont, West Virginia. I am very much concerned about my health, should I lose my medical insurance.

I have several illnesses that require bi-monthly and monthly visits to multiple physicians. I am presently in Stage 4 kidney disease. I also have severe anemia, hypertension and glaucoma. The treatment for my severe anemia requires biweekly blood testing and a Procrit injection with a cost of \$800 per injection. Each of these illnesses also involve doctor fees and expensive prescription medicines.

To lose my health benefits would be devastating to me physically and financially. I only receive social security benefits and a small UMWA pension (if I don't lose it too).

I'm hope you will be thoughtful and fair to the widows and retirees in making your decision during these important bankruptcy hearings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theda Hayes".

Theda Hayes