

October 02, 2012

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

Dear Honorable Chapman:

Re: UMWA & Patriot Coal Company Hearing

I have never worked a day for Patriot Coal Company. My employment was with Peabody Coal Company for 37½ years. I retired under the Coal Act in 1992 with the promise that my wife and I would have health coverage for the rest of our lives. Since my wife is 79 years of age and I will be 81 years old next month, we have many health problems and it will certainly be a hardship on us if we lose this health coverage.

Sincerely yours,

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