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

Dear Honorable Shelley C. Chapman

I am writing in regards to the
Patriot Bankruptcy Filing.

I worked for formerly: Peabody Coal
approximately 18 years in the strip mines
Freeburg, Illinois area.

It would be a great stress upon myself
and my wife if we should lose our healthcare
benefits.

I was recently diagnosed with CML; "Chronic
myelogenous Leukemia" which requires
chemotherapy treatment in the form of capsules.
A 28 day supply costs \$4,929.07. Medicare

covers \$1,343.16 Coverage Gap Discount;

\$1,597.58 is paid by Health Insurance Benefit through Patriot Coal, I pay out of pocket \$5.00 per prescription.

I am also seeing an oncologist; a cardiologist; Podiatrist; and a primary family physician.

I am also receiving Nursing Care: Home care at home.

According to my doctor, I will have CML for the rest of my life and need to be taking these capsules (Chemotherapy) for the rest of my life. I am currently 82 years of age and confined to a wheelchair.

My wife is undergoing treatment for a Lung disorder. At times, she has a difficult time catching her breath. She is 53.

If we were to lose our Current Health Benefits we would have to choose between eating; living; and struggling with how we could make ends meet. Something would have to be cut off.

We live simple lives. We do NOT have a computer, a cell phone, a camera. Just recently,

in order to watch TV; we were forced to obtain satellite. We have a regular land line phone because I have a pacemaker, we don't travel or eat out. The only time I leave my home is to go to a doctor Appointment. Our Luxuries are trying to lead a "comfortable"; "simple" way of life, Without our Healthcare Benefits, we would be forced to change our way of life, Give up watching TV; Give our 9yr^{old} dog to another home; change from propane heating to electric plug-in heaters which we have been advised is unsafe and probably would have to cut back somewhere else; but where?

I plead for you to not only look at our situation, but everyone who will also be greatly affected.

Thank you

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