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My name is Bonnie Dolin, a widow of a coal miner. When a miner leaves home for work, there is always a thought, WILL HE COME BACK HOME TODAY?

The coal mining business is a multi-billion dollar industry. Made that way by a certain type of man or woman.

My husband worked over 37 years for the mining companies all located at Prenter, WV. who has changed names for different reasons.

A miner's health goes from good to bad. I've watched my husband trying to cut grass and within minutes the coughing starts then spitting up black mucus. Stopping to catch his breath, rubbing his arthritic hands that go numb, limping from disc that are budging and that is only to start over again in pure agony.

By the time a miner reaches retirement, it should be called THE GOLDEN YEARS, instead it's called the painful years. TRUE, no one forced these men to work in the coal mining industry but in the region of the county we live coal is the main job that are offered to any and all persons. The money and health benefits are an essential part of providing for our family and their future.

To take away these benefits that Patriot is trying to do is DISASTROUS!!! That word doesn't come close to the affect that will happen to the families who depend on these benefits Patriot wants to take away from hard working men and women who depended upon job security, health benefits, retirement pay & most importantly their lively hood to support their families.

How can Patriot Coal file Bankruptcy, when I know of 2 mines that are fully operational and non-union?

My son and I were sitting on the front porch on October 03, 2012 and we heard a familiar sound. Machines working on the railroad, laying new tracks that lead to Patriot Coal located 9 miles from my home in Prenter, WV. It was shut down earlier this year. That sound only means ONE THING Patriot Coal is going to open a non-union mines.

I am predicting they WILL NOT hire the same men back for a couple of reasons.

First - Poor health and Age

Second- Union Members

Third- Patriot Panel Members Only

BANKRUPTCY - Exactly why are they trying to destroy lives? Patriot planned closing this division when they started changing names with Peabody. I remember when Peabody changed its name, my husband said to me, TROUBLES COMING!!!!

The news tries to depict a WV Coal miner as ignorant. Miners are well educated. Some have college degrees and work for the mining industry.

Men are killed every day in this mining industry and this company wants to take away the money and health care, WHY??? These men worked to provide for their families.

I could write a book on growing up in the coal fields. Prenter, WV. That coal miners produced coal forever over 100 years.

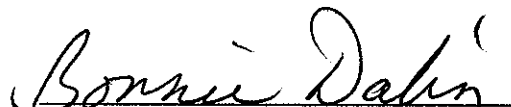
I am a widow with severe health problems and depend on the pension and health benefits to take care of my long term needs. WHY THE CRUELNESS FROM A COMPANY THAT NOT BANKRUPT????

To take away what our husbands worked and wanted for us, is leaving all of us homeless, hungry and sick. WHAT THEN? Tell us Patriot; think about it when you lay your head down on the pillow that you keeps you so comfortable.

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Husband Deceased - Delbert C. Dolin
07-12-1948 DOB
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Sincerely,


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