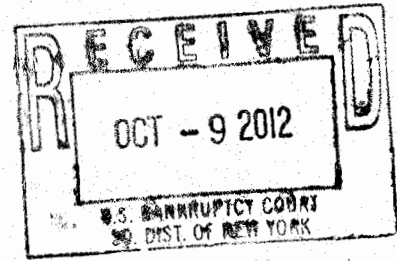


October 1, 2012

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



Dear Judge Chapman:

My name is Patricia Wilson Spicer and I reside at 105 Tanglewood Place in Central City, Kentucky. I am the widow of Preston Spicer, a proud member of the United Mine Workers of America. His coal mining tenure began in 1950 and lasted until his retirement in 1987. Peabody Coal Company employed Preston for **thirty-two years** of his **thirty-seven year** mining career.

This letter is in regard to the recent bankruptcy filing of Patriot Coal Company (a Peabody Coal Company owned entity) and the disturbing possibility of losing my health insurance provided by Patriot Coal Company.

I am 82 years of age. I have several health-related issues that require daily medications and routine physician examinations. I have endured four back surgeries, one knee-replacement, cardiac stint implantation and replacement, and cardiac by-pass (open-heart) surgery. Also, I have had two heart attacks. Currently, I am being treated for hypertension, cardiac disease, blocked arteries, allergies, back/leg pain, bone spurs in both feet, and mobility difficulties. My doctors are: Dr. Barry Hardison, 1010 Medical Drive, Powderly, KY 42367; Dr. Roshan Mathew, 815 E. Parrish Avenue, Owensboro, KY 42303; Dr. Sheldon Simon, 1915 West Parrish Ave, Owensboro, KY. 42301; Dr. Edward Mackey, Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 4230 Harding Place, Suite 1000, Nashville, TN. 37205.

I will be unable to purchase the medications I need if I lose my health insurance. I won't be able to see my doctors as scheduled because I will be unable to afford the office visit charge.

Simply put, if I lose my health insurance, I will have to choose between paying housing expenses, buying food, refilling prescriptions and seeing my doctors.

**I am pleading with you! Please do not relieve Patriot Coal Company and its parent company, Peabody Coal Company, of their responsibilities to me and to the numbers of others in the same situation.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia W. Wilson".

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