

Oct. 3, 2012

Dear Honorable Judge Chapman,

I am writing in concern to the Patriot Coal bankruptcy hearing. I am a 34yr old female who was born and raised in Southern WA. I am a proud wife of a union miner and a proud daughter as well. The UMWA has been part of my family all my life. My dad worked 42 yrs in the coal mines, and was a proud UMWA retiree. My dad raised me, my brother, my sister and my cousin on UMWA benefits, now my husband provides for me and our daughter by working at a union mine. Without these UMWA benefits my daughter would suffer greatly. She is now 14yr old, an honor student with a bright future. We are very blessed to have her, since she was born she has been in and out of the hospital multiple times. She had her first sinus surgery at 4 yrs old, by the time she was 10 she had 3 sinus surgeries. She has chronic asthma which requires daily medication. Just for my daughter alone it would cost

as follows for her monthly meds:

Symbicort \$ 311.99 per 30 days

Singulair \$ 208.99 per 30 days

Agestin - \$ 230.99 per 30 days

Albuterol - \$ 76.99 per 15 days

iron pill - \$ 7.99 per month

Allegra - \$ 30.⁰⁰ per 30 days

detrol - \$ 229.99 per 30 days

I also take:

Nexium \$ 491.99 per 30 days

detrol \$ 229.99 per 30 days

Ma'am with all due respect working middle class or retired fixed income cannot afford these kind of prices for medicine that we must have in order to function in a daily life. I think its a horrible shame that coal companies can file a class suite and forget the hard working men and women who worked to get them their billions. Judge Chapman can you put yourself in our shoes for a moment, just imagine, if you will that you give your life 30+ years on the bench working for the judicial system

You feel like you gave an honest
days work for an honest days pay,
So you get ready to retire only to
find out that your pension and
medical benefits will be cut due to
your town filing bankruptcy, just to
keep from paying you what you worked
all these years for. I pray that
you take all these elderly people & all
the coal miners at heart, we need you
Judge Chapman to be a voice for the
working people, to be on our side. I
thank you for hearing my point of view
and may you have a blessed day.

Thank you from the Conley Family
Gary, Maria, & Megan.