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

Regarding UMWA vs. Patriot Bankruptcy
To the Honorable Shelly C. Chapman,

My name is Kathryn Lousie Meade, I am the 58 year old widow of Dale E. Meade. I work for minimum wages and have no other insurance other than my BCBS of Illinois provided by Patriot Coal. I can not afford to pay for medical insurance and I have many medical needs that I am seen on a regular basis for.

Hypothyroidism that requires life long medication with blood work follow up every six months

Glaucoma requires life long medication and follow up visits every three months

Osteopenia/Osteoporosis on medication with yearly bone scan follow up

Facet Disease-L5 I have had a nerve ablation done, but still need to take pain medication about three times a week due to lumbar and hip pain

Overactive Bladder Syndrome requires life long medication and follow up every three months I also have a right renal cyst and have to have an ultra sound of it yearly.

Polyneuropathy and Neurocardiogenic Syncope which is also being followed by my neurologist every three months.

One visit to my urologist would cost \$425.00 to \$629.00

One visit for routine glaucoma check at my eye doctor would be \$125.00 and a full screen vision exam would be around \$350.00

And for just one procedure that I had done at my neurologist was \$2700.00 and this procedure was done twice.

My average monthly income is approximately \$1300.00. My average monthly expenses are \$1000.00 leaving me about \$300.00 for food, over the counter medication that I need and personal care items, which leaves me nothing to pay for insurance with.

I pray that you will judge favorably for the coal miners and their families and the widows of the coal miners that spent their lives working in the mines in order to receive the benefits. My husband spent 20 years in the mines, and was disabled as a result of a mine injury in 1982. He died of cancer July 4th, 2011. He was proud to have been a coal miner.

Sincerely,
Kathryn L. Meade