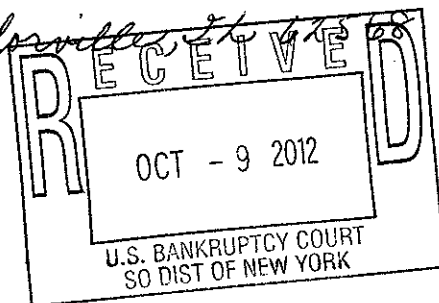


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The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman
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Courtroom 6201
New York, New York 10004-1408

Your Honor,

I am writing this letter in regard to the impending Patriot Coal Bankruptcy case.

I was an employee of Peabody Coal Company for thirty years. I worked underground and it was a physically demanding as well as dangerous job. I retired at the age of fifty five due to the mine closing. As a result, I lost twenty percent of my pension. However, I still felt very lucky because I retired with my health insurance for myself and my family for life.

I suffer from black lung disease, emphysema, lung cancer, as well as having other major health problems. It would be devastating if I would lose my health insurance. Without it, there would be no way that I could pay my medical bills along with the medication that I take.

Your Honor, I implore you to take my concerns, as well as the concerns of all the other miners into consideration, as you rule on this case.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ronald Hendricks