

TO: The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman
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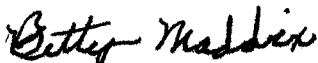
RE: Patriot Coal Bankruptcy Change of Venue

Dear Judge Chapman,

I am an 84 year old widow of a coal miner. All our working lives my husband and I lived in fear of strikes, mine shut-downs and having to move from place to place following work. My husband died after one year of retirement at the age of 66 as a result of working in the mines for 47 years. I am dependent on his pension and most importantly our health insurance. I am not well and at my age certainly cannot work or could not pay for supplemental insurance. After all these years I thought I would not have to worry about my pension and health insurance. I do not have much time left so I beg you to consider me and all the others who have given their lives to this job. Please allow the change for the bankrupt back to Charleston, West Virginia. Please help us who are dependent on our loved ones benefits. I don't know what I will do if I lose my pension and health insurance. I am so afraid, please help us.

Sincerely,

Betty Maddix


(typed for her)