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The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman
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Dear Judge Chapman

I am writing this letter concerning the matter of the bankruptcy filing of Patriot Coal Company. I am a UMWA member and always have been since I started working in the mines at age 18. I am now 55 and have recently retired. I fear that the health care that I had been promised may now be taken away because of the actions of Peabody and Patriot Coal not honoring their contractual obligations.

After working 36 years for these 2 companies, I am now facing several back surgeries and 2 knee replacements. I am currently seeing 4 different doctors on a regular basis for a variety of health problems and I take several prescription medications. Without the health care that I was promised, I would not be able to continue to get the treatment that I need. And it not only involves me, but also my wife. Now is the time we need our health insurance ---the health care card that was promised to us.

I am pleading to you to do the right and fair thing for the employees and retirees of Patriot Coal. As UMWA members, we deserve to receive the benefits that were agreed upon by this company.

Thank You



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