

Your Honor,

My name is Lonnie Dale Price, I am a retired Coal Miner from West Virginia, I receive a Pension and Medical Insurance from Patriot Coal Company, I worked for Peabody Coal Company now known as Patriot Coal Company for nearly 30 years, in those 30 years, I had only 3 unexcused absence. For 13 years I worked crawling on my hands and knees due to low coal. I have suffered many injuries while mining coal, I have broken fingers, arms, both elbows were injured, I have herniated disc in lower back and neck, I also have black lung and have never been paid any compensation for this condition. I think that I am entitled to my Pension and Medical Insurance. I have to take many medications due to these injuries, Compensation will not pay for the medication so I rely on my medical insurance to do so, I do not know how I will pay for mine and my wife's medications if I lose my medical insurance.

My dad Alonzo Calvin Price also retired from Peabody Coal Company and took great pride in being a Coal Miner, he also was a loyal employee and suffered with Black Lung and never received any compensation for this, he passed away in April of this year, He needed a triple bypass but could not have surgery because his Lungs were so bad due to the Black Lung. My Mother is 89 years old, she lives by herself and relies on my dad's pension from Patriot Coal. She has many health problems, Her kidneys are bad due to diabetes she is on many medications and could not afford this medication if she did not have Medical Insurance from Patriot Coal.

The Patriot Coal bankruptcy not only affects the creditors; it will also have lasting effects on thousands of retirees and their families.

Thank you

Lonnie Dale Price

