

October 3, 2012

The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman

One Bowling Green

Courtroom 621

New York, New York 10004-1408

Dear Honorable Chapman:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my father, Nathel D. Jennings. My father is a retired miner from Peabody Coal Company, where he worked there for 22 years.

After having been retired for about 7 years, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He went through an extensive surgery to remove his prostate. As time passed, he developed tremors in his hands. Without the miners healthcare benefits, my father would not have been able to afford the costs of surgery, doctors, and hospital billings and the medicines he must take daily.

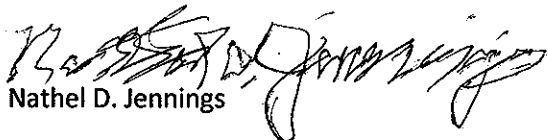
It is our understanding that the Patriot Bankruptcy hearing was scheduled to go before you on September 11 & 12, 2012. It is our hope that your ruling will be *in favor* of allowing the miners to keep their healthcare benefits. This is very important to him, as well as, our family and their well-being.

In conclusion, as previously stated, we would *appreciate* you ruling in favor of our miners, who have tirelessly worked for many years, keeping their healthcare benefits.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kimberly J. Free



Nathel D. Jennings