

The Honorable Shelley Chapman

I felt secure working for more than 40 years for Peabody Coal since it was one of the largest in the industry and retiring with a promise of health benefits. The health benefits has kept my family from having a financial disaster. My wife was diagnosed with Interstitial Cystitis about 35 years ago and as you might know, this is a serious and very painful disease with no cure. Since I retired she has broken an ankle, had both knees replaced & two back operations, which she will have serious back problems the remainder of her life.

Little did I know that Peabody would transfer my benefits to a spin off puppet company (Patriot Coal Co) with no way in the world to succeed. If Peabody, the company I worked for more than 40 years filed for bankruptcy, it would be a completely different situation. If Peabody/Patriot is allowed to pull my promised benefits from under my feet, there is no telling what benefits would cost, even if my family would qualify for them. This is why it is so important for Peabody/Patriot to be made to continue with my benefits as promised. I sincerely

appreciate your help in this case.
Thanks

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