

Greetings Most Honorable Shelley G. Chapman,

My name is George Merta and I have worked for Peabody Coal Mines for almost 25 years. They have been a great company to work for and the benefits are great too. It has come to my attention that Patriot Insurance has gone bankrupt and this could cause a problem for my wife and I as we rely on this insurance. I had a heart attack in 2010 and having this insurance was just one thing that we did not have to worry about. The insurance handled everything and for that we are thankful. My wife is in a nursing home at this time and we totally rely on this insurance to help in her situation. If we lost our healthcare, I would hate to think what happen to us.

My wife and I are pleading with you to please move this case to Charleston, West Virginia where the UMWA can participate in the bankruptcy proceedings whether it is in New York City or St. Louis. We are very dependent on this insurance and would like to be able to keep it or something comparable.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my concerns and may God bless you very much.

Sincerely,
George Merta

