

October 18, 2012

The Honorable Shelly C. Chapman  
One Bowling Green  
Courtroom 621  
New York, New York 10004-1408



Your Honor:

I am writing to share with you the hardship that Patriot Coal is putting on me and my family. I worked 30 years for Peabody Coal and was assured that our health care and pension were secure. My last year of employment with Peabody Coal was in 1989. I feel that it's not fair that Peabody is trying to renege on their promise.

I had prostate surgery about 6 years ago and also radiation treatments. The surgery and radiation treatments were not successful and I still have cancer. I feel that without my healthcare from Peabody I will end up bankrupt. I understand there are many legal procedures that have to be followed but I am writing to let you know of the hardships that will be placed on my wife and myself. I don't know if there is anything you can do but your support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much for your considerations.

Sincerely,  
Harriet Starkey