



October 20, 2012

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

Dear Bankruptcy Judge Chapman:

I am writing to you in regard to the upcoming bankruptcy case involving Patriot Coal Company. My husband was disabled in the mine on January 3, 2003. He has had both knees replaced and also a pace maker due to a heart attack.

Michael is 62 years old and not able to return to work and find a job that has health insurance. He is on Medicare, but the insurance picks up the remainder, minus co pay. He is also on many medications that if we had to private pay, it would cost an enormous amount each month.

I am 60 years old and do not work. I have diabetes, high blood pressure, anemic, and have had amputations on both feet. I also fell and broke my right knee, which resulted in having three screws to hold the joint ball together. I too take many medications monthly and the cost is great.

We believe Peabody Group formed Patriot to relieve them from their responsibilities to the retirees and disabled miners.

We are on a fixed income and the lost of our health benefits would devastate us.

I hope that you consider the older generation when you hear this case. We are hoping that the case will be moved to Charleston, West Virginia, so we can attend the hearings. Thank you for any assistance or consideration regarding this matter

Sincerely Yours,

Michael & Elizabeth Adams

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