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



*Dear Honorable Chapman:*

*I am writing to you in regards to Patriot Bankruptcy. I am one of those men who started working in the mines at a really early age. I worked for 40 years in the mines. My dad and my brothers worked in the mines. That is what we do here in our part of West Virginia. The good Lord gave us coal so that we could live here and work here and raise our children here. When I started working in the mines and we were offered the benefits from the coal company, we never thought that they would go back on their promises. We understood that they would always be there to pay our medical payments and help us with our prescriptions.*


*I have had my share of accidents in the coal mines. And I have my share of sickness. I have Parkinson's Disease, Cirrhosis of the liver, Diabetes, Heart Disease, High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, and I am now having trouble with my kidneys. My wife, who is on my health card with me has similar health problems. We don't know what we will do if they take our health card from us. We have a nice home. It is just an old company house that has been remodeled over and over. We have just arrived at the point in our lives where we can enjoy what time that we have left, and now we have to face this. I hope that you will please take time to put yourself in our positions and try to understand what we stand for.*

*We may not have much or expect much, but we do expect the coal company to keep their promises. Our health insurance is one of the only things that we have left once we retire. Please help us to*

*keep our health insurance and our prescription card. I was always taught by my Granny that a promise is a promise. I don't care if you are a little man or a big corporation, you should keep your promises. Please put yourself in our place. It is to late for us to go back and start over. If we could do our lives over, we could maybe change how we have lived. We stayed here and worked here. We married here, raised our children here and we expect to die and be buried here. Without our insurance, we will probably lose our homes and everything that we have worked for.*

*Please think about how many retired mine workers that this will affect.*

*I am sure that you are a very fair person or you wouldn't be where you are today. Thank you for reading my letter.*

  
Sincerely, Harold Lee Evans, Sr.