



To Whom it may concern,

My wife and I are both in our late sixty's and retired. I worked 41+ years in the coal industry, and my wife retired from the school system in Hopkins county. We raised three children and now have grandchildren. Although we can now live comfortably on our pensions it would be a real hardship for us to lose our promised pensions and especially our medical insurance cards.

My wife requires medical prescriptions and treatments for arthritis. Losing our medical insurance cards would be a real problem for us. Although we are both in reasonably good health at the present time, as we age we will need this insurance more.

Peabody and Patriot Coal should honor their contracts and keep their word to the many miners that risk their health and their life every day working in their coal mines. There are a lot of good hard working people that will be hurt if this bankruptcy goes through. The middle class people cannot survive and keep their homes and pay medical expenses if this happens.

How would you feel if your pensions and medical insurance were to be taken away ? Our economy is already in bad shape. Prices are going up more and more every day. More and more people are losing their homes, and struggling to meet living expenses. Miners losing their pensions and medical cards that were promised to them would be a hardship for everyone.

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