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Dear Sir or Madam,

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

I am writing you concerning the Patriot Coal Co. bankruptcy suit.

I have been an employee of Peabody and Eastern A/S for 33 yrs. I actually worked one year for the new Patriot Coal Co.

I am disabled with Parkinson's disease in advanced stages. I have also had 2 major back surgeries since I had to retire. I have had brain surgery for Parkinson's disease in the last month or so.

If I lose my healthcare it would be devastating. I've had to pay for healthcare for my spouse and me for the past 5 years since I had to retire. I just received my healthcare in September when I turned 55. I came out in 2008 when I could go no more. I gave all I had cont

untill I could go no more. I still didn't know I had parkinson's. The guys I worked with helped me to dress and undress. I had to go on because I had to have my healthcare. I was scheduled for surgery of the gall bladder and I found out what else was going on shortly thereafter. I was sent to Duke university hospital where they diagnosed my illness. What do I do if I lose my healthcare that was promised for life.

I was a very good and honest employee. I hold up my end of the bargain. We are union and we received less pay because part of our pay was our healthcare. Non union mines received much higher pay than as for this reason.

I knew when I first heard of the little spin off in 2005 what

was about to happen. But surely they couldn't get away with something this obvious. As I started hearing of things going on with other unions around the country, this has started to look like the new American Way.

Peabody is the largest coal producer in the world. They can easily afford our healthcare. They are merely following suit of other companies to get out of there end of the bargain.

Your honor it is up to you if they do. I hope you do the right thing and make Peabody honor the contract.

Sincerely yours,

Keith A. Shemate

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