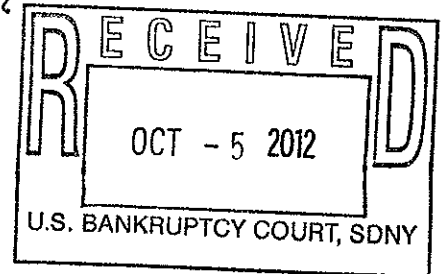


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October 2, 2012

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



Dear Honorable Shelley C. Chapman:

I am writing in regards to the Patriot Peabody decision to file bankruptcy. I am a retired Miner and suffer from Black lung, Prostate Cancer, and diabetes, Health Care and my Pension are my livelihood. I am dependent on both of them, my wife and I, who also has health issues. would be devastated without them.

Please consider Peabody / Patriot to uphold their Promise to Coal miners and their families, from Cradle to the grave!

Sincerely,  
Charles R. Nichols  
District Local Union # 9653