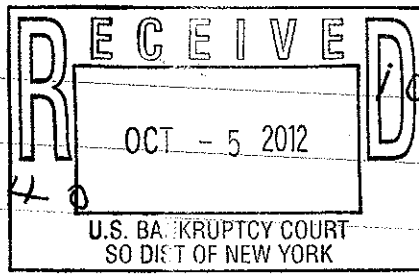


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Dear Honorable Shelly C. Chapman,
I am writing this letter on behalf of my husband, myself, and the many coal miners and families that depend on the health benefits that Patriots Coal is trying to take away. My husband is 75 years old, and has worked in the mines many years. When he retired, he was promised along with hundreds of other miners, life time health care. He has fought cancer, both knees are in very bad shape and needs knee replacement, among other health problems. I have several health problems and take injections in my neck every 3 months. My husband is on 7 different prescriptions, and without this his life would be shortened. Please don't allow this to happen to him and so many more, who could not pay the high price of health care or medication. These miners earned these benefits and depend on them. Thank you so much for reading this, and may God be with you in your decision.
Sincerely,
James Pettry