

Your Honor:

I am writing you on behalf of my mother, who is the surviving spouse of Joe Leuz Jr., my dad who was a coal miner (now deceased) for Peabody Coal Co. (presently Patriot Coal Co.) who filed for bankruptcy in your court not too long ago. My mother is 86 years old, has dementia & congestive heart failure & cannot speak for herself but if she should lose her health benefits & her small pension which does pay a couple of her bills once a month, it would be devastating to her. Her social security check that she receives goes to pay a sitter during the day so that I (her daughter) can work. The sitter receives \$225 a wk, Monday thru Fri for 9 hrs. of sitting with my mom. I myself live with my mom & my check is only \$261.00 a week which goes to pay part of the monthly bills & buy groceries. Except for Medicare

which pays 80% on my moms  
medical & hospital bills. The ~~rest~~  
rest of the 20% has been paid  
by Patriot Cash. If she should lose  
the medical card or her small  
pension, I'm sure she couldn't afford  
the proper health care that she may  
need. Thank you for taking time to  
read this letter. I'm sure my  
mom is not the only surviving spouse  
who has been stricken with a  
serious illness but I just thought  
you needed to know how very hard  
it is going to make it for her  
if the bankruptcy is made into  
law & she loses her benefit check  
& medical card.

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Thank you for taking  
time to read this  
Kerrie Williams  
daughter of  
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