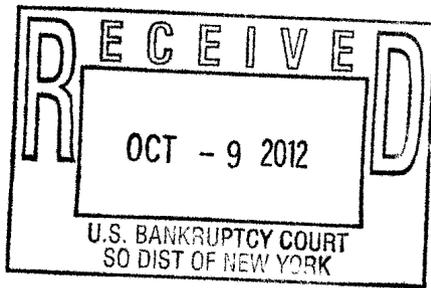


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In regards to the Bankruptcy that Peabody, now Patriot Coal has filed trying to do away with Miner's Pensions and Health Benefits. I Donald B Smith was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma and I have to see a cancer Dr. on a regular basis. My wife Margaret D. Smith Has been dealing with heart problems for the last five years. We both are on medication daily for our health problems.

I hope You will take the time to read this letter and do all You can to help us as well as all the other Miner's and there spouse's. We have all devoted the biggest part of our lives to Coal Mining and feel it would be a disaster if what we All worked so hard for is taken away.

We both are senior now Donald 79, Margaret 72, and cannot go out in the public and work.



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