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October 3, 2012

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

Dear Ms. Chapman:

Bankruptcy threatening insurance loss

I would first like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. It is of the utmost importance to my Grandparents, especially my Grandfather Paul E. Farr who I am writing on behalf of. He worked for Peabody Coal as an Electrician/ Mechanic from 1975 until he retired in 1992. All while working he was very active in helping organize his local union and is still very active today serving as his union's President.

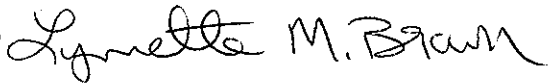
In helping organize his local union he fought for the rights of many men and women have fair wages and health benefits. These men and women were promised the health benefits they fought for. Now as you very well know these benefits are at risk of being lost. With the loss of their healthcare comes the loss of their health, my grandfather's included.

With my Grandfather's current insurance he has been able to receive wonderful healthcare which has helped save his life. Without this it could be risking his and many others lives. My Grandfather has many problems with his health including diabetes, anemia, hypothyroid, chronic kidney disease and hypertension. Last year alone the costs of his prescriptions were over \$10,000 and my grandmother's over \$4,000. That's almost \$15,000 a year alone.

My Grandfather also has to take a shot called Aranesp. Which he takes to help raise his hemoglobin count, which without could be potentially and eventually be life threatening. The cost of this shot was \$15,958.35 the last time he had taken it. . He has to take this shot approximately 8 times a year. Without this insurance he would be required to cover 20% of the cost which comes to \$3,200. Taking the shot 8 times a year would mean he would have to pay \$25,600. He is 85 years old and Grandmother Bernadette is 79, they are on a fixed income and would not possibly be able to cover these cost. Which are so far up to \$50,000 not including cost of Doctor's visits or emergency medical care.

The real cost of men and women, my grandparents included not being able to afford their medical needs is their lives. There are at least 2,000 men and women that will be affected. They were promised these benefits that they fought for and they deserve to keep them. I only hope that you take this into account in your ruling. These are people's lives that are being affected

precious people that have helped change lives.

Sincerely, 

Lynnette M. Brown