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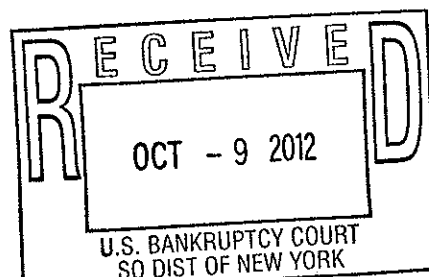
The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman:

This letter is in reference to Mrs. Elizabeth Armistead who is a widow to Mr. George Armistead. Mr. George Armistead was employed by Peabody Coal Company

I am the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Armistead, I live with my mother and my father is deceased. My mother is 86 years old and is totally dependent on the health care and benefits that my father fought to keep so my mother would be taken care in his demise. If this should happen, this would devastate my mother.

She would not be able to find any insurance company to provide coverage because of her age and her health in addition to the cost of medicine. Now the Patriot Coal Company wants to file bankrupt in New York, a place that cannot begin to experience the pain that will be felt by West Virginians if the bankruptcy is held in New York. I am positive that there is two thousand plus affected by the decision you will have to make. In order for all individuals to participate it would be in the best interest that the venue would return to West Virginia instead of New York. Most of these patriots are elderly, cannot walk or on a lot of medication that will prevent them for traveling to New York. The primary resources in West Virginia is the Coal industry. This Contract was put in play in 1974 and it was for the life of the worker and his dependents. Now if one coal company is allowed to accomplish this, then others will follow suit and will not honor their obligations.

May god continue to bless you and your court members.



Thank-you

Mrs. Cheryl Watkins

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