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

Re: Patriot Coal Company Bankruptcy

Dear Judge Chapman

My wife and I are writing to you concerning my UMWA pension and benefits. I am deeply concerned about losing my pension and benefits since Patriot Coal has filed bankruptcy. I am 61 years old and have many health issues. I am currently being treated for seizures, depressions, diabetes, arthritis, neuropathy, high blood pressure, ruptured disks and two bulging disks. My wife also has back problems, neck problems and fiber cystic disease. Since our only son died in a car wreck, we have both had to see a counselor.

Needless to say, we would be devastated without our health care and our pension; our biggest need being our healthcare. Our prescriptions alone would run well into the thousands every month. Living on a fixed income, we would be unable to afford our prescriptions or go to doctor's appointments, which ultimately could lead to death.

We plead to you not to let Patriot out of their contractual and moral obligations. We hope you will not let this injustice go overlooked. My family and my UMWA brothers are depending on you. We worked for many years to provide for our families while we were working and after retirement.

We would like to thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter, I am

Very truly yours,

  
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