

Oct. 3, 2012

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

To the Honorable Judge:

I thank you in advance for
taking my letter.

I have been married for 60 years
to Earl Hibbs who has been a member
of UMWA since Aug '49. He worked
for Peabody Coal for 32 1/3 years (which
none was under Patriot). We were
guaranteed health care by Peabody
under signed contract from cradle
to grave. Why would Patriot have the
right to discontinue our health ins.

We feel meetings concerning these
matters should be held in the coal field
(Not New York). For the fact that all
these concerns should be conducted
in areas where people are familiar
with all the different problems. If
they were held in West Virginia it
would help more miners be able to
attend and take part in the ~~process~~
process.

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can take away the benefits from
miners who worked for Peabody and

Neren worked for Patriot.

My family has been very blessed to have U M W A insurance. I AM 81 yrs old and have a lot of health problems.

I know this is very important to all miners and that it should be handled in a proper & fair way. I don't understand how Patriot can take away the benefits from miners who never worked for them. If Patriot is allowed to do this there will be a large number of elderly people who will suffer for not having the insurance coverage they thought they would have in their last years.

I appreciate your work and time you are putting in this case. Please understand we only want what we feel belongs to us - due to the fact Peabody Coal Co. promised us insurance for life through a signed contract.

May God bless you in your decision.

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