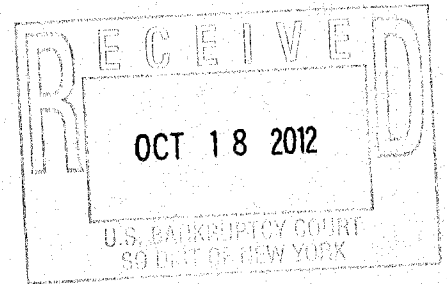


October 14, 2012



Dear Honorable Shelley C. Chapman,

I am writing to you because my husband, Kirby D. McKee is a retired miner and our lives are affected by the recent bankruptcy of Patriot Coal.

The insurance has been a Godsend to us. I have an incurable disease of the nervous system. The disease is called Neurofibromatosis. It is also known as the Elephant Man Disease. Although I have an extremely mild case of the disease, I am UNABLE to get health insurance. I have small tumors and have had some removed, but I have no other health issues from the disease. Thank God for the insurance that Kirby earned by working for all those years and now it is possibly being taken away. If you allow this to happen I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET ANY INSURANCE!!!

Also, about 3 years ago, my husband went in for a scope to be put down his throat thinking he had a problem with his esophagus. It was determined that a virus had attacked his heart and later findings discovered a leak in a valve. WE are looking at heart surgery to take care of this. If you allow the insurance to be taken away, he too will not be able to get insurance. I know this to be true, because it happened to my dad. Kirby is also on about 5 prescriptions for high blood pressure and his potassium level. These are items we will not be able to afford if the insurance is taken away. These are items we must have. We are not alone in this either. Please take the time to put yourself in our situations.

These are things that you should know about, because you are dealing with the lives of many people. People who have worked for the benefits that they earned. People who depend on those benefits to live and exist. People who have no other alternative but to depend

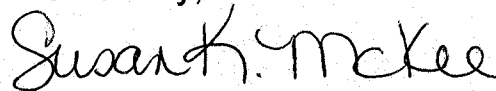
on these things.

Please DO NOT ALLOW Patriot to take away all that we and countless other retired miners and their families have worked for and depend on. It is all we have and we are depending on you to defend us. DON'T LET US DOWN.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please consider what I have told you. I NEED THE INSURANCE AS DOES MY HUSBAND! We are not alone in this either. There are many families in the same situation. We are depending on you.

Thank you and may God guide you and bless you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan K. McKee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "S" at the beginning.

Susan K. McKee

Spouse of Retired Miner Kirby D McKee