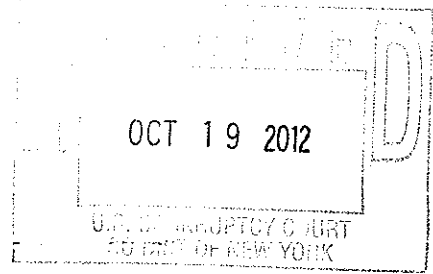


October 2, 2012

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



Dear Honorable Judge Chapman:

I am a retired coal miner, who retired under Eastern Associated Coal/Peabody. with 33 years in the coal mines. I belong to Local Union No. 1503, in Boone County, West Virginia. I am very concerned about our pension and medical coverage:

I am seeing a kidney specialist and lung specialist. I also have regular visits concerning my thyroid and intestinal problems. Without the medical coverage through the UMWA it would be impossible for me to continue with the regular visits for my medical conditions. It would also be impossible for us to get medical coverage anywhere with the existing problems. Plus, without the pension it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to pay for the medical coverage for myself and my wife.

I would appreciate all you can do to help us keep our medical coverage and pension.

Thank you,

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