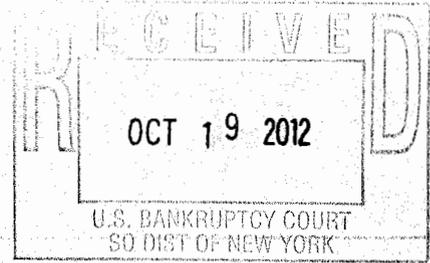


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The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman
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Courtroom 621
New York, New York 10004-1408

Dear Judge Chapman,

I am writing this letter because of my concern for my benefits as a disabled retiree of Peabody Coal Company (presently Patriot Coal). I suffered a debilitating back injury on July 25, 1995, and have not been gainfully employed since that time. I receive a retirement pension of \$688.00 monthly plus medical benefits. I would not be able to pay for additional medical coverage with such a small retirement check.

I have several life threatening illnesses such as atrial fibrillation that is treated with a beta blocker, and three (3) eight hour doses of Propafenone for heart rhythm. I take three different blood pressure medicines and a fluid pill each day to control my blood pressure (Biso-Pro hctz, Norvasc, Diovan). I take Coumadin, a very dangerous blood thinner, to prevent blood clots from the atrial fibrillation. I had major back surgery in October, 2004 on arthritic bone spurs caused from my back injury.

Judge Chapman, I don't know what I would do without my pension and health benefits from Patriot Coal. I worked very hard for Peabody Coal (presently Patriot Coal) and now I'm paying for it with all these health issues. I did what Patriot Coal hired me to do; I gave them an honest day's work.

Please make Patriot Coal honor their responsibility to provide health coverage not only for me and spouse, but for all the other miners who gave of themselves as well. Thank you and God bless!

Sincerely,

Larry Elliott