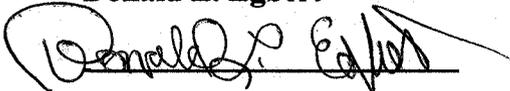


**Attention:**  
**The Honorable Shelly G. Chapman**  
**One Bowling Green**  
**Courtroom 621**  
**New York, New York. 10004-1408**

I am one of the 22,000 people that will be affected by the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filed in New York by Patriot Coal Co. I retired from Peabody Coal Co. after working for them for 31 years. I have never worked a day for Patriot Coal Co., but have to rely on them for my medical benefits. It seems to me, Peabody Coal Co. is trying to rid the obligation of medical benefits for the employees and retirees by pawning us off on Patriot Coal Co. I feel a hearing should be held here, where we did the work, and not in a state that the company has never worked before.

Thank you for your consideration,

**Donald L. Egbert**



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