

October 10, 2012

The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman

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Courtroom 621

New York, New York 10004-1408

Dear the Honorable Shelley C. Chapman,



My husband is Albert K. Baehl, a District 12, Local 9926 union coalminer. He worked for Peabody Coal Company for 29 years. He retired because Peabody Coal Company closed the Lynnville, Indiana mine in December 1999. This mine was profitable to Peabody. They closed Lynnville Mine to get rid of the union.

My husband earned our benefits (pension and insurance) when he worked 8 to 12 hours days, 7 days a week. He helped make Peabody profitable when he welded over 220 feet in the air on the boom of a coal shovel. His contract through the UMWA was with Peabody Coal not Patriot.

As today in 2012 the Lynnville Mine is now reopened as non-union mines, Black Beauty and United Minerals which are owned by Peabody.

My question to you is: Do you know who all the players are in the Patriot Coal Bankruptcy? How about Irl Engelhardt? Look at his salary, fees, stock awards from Peabody and Patriot Coal. What about Bennett Hatfield? Look at his history in coal mining and his total compensations from Patriot Coal. Look at Patriot Coal Stockholder report- April 1, 2011. Look at the other high position employees at Patriot, their salaries, bonuses, stock and total compensations. Look at the non-employee directors, fees, stock awards and share ownerships. Look at the 2010 annual report- "Strength & Potential of Patriot Coal."

With a few good calculators and several real sharp pencils, hope you can figure out how much total compensation the big wigs of Patriot Coal received over the years.

The 10,000 retirees and 2000 employees have help make Patriot Coal and Peabody Coal profitable. If the big wigs deserve their total compensation then surely, the retirees and employees deserve their benefits that they earned.

As retirees over 65, who pay their Medicare out of their social security which makes their Patriot Coal Insurance a supplement?

Having had breast cancer in 2009 with 3 surgeries, 4 rounds of chemotherapy and 35 radiation treatments, I am very grateful for Medicare and our Patriot Coal Insurance.

My husband earned his benefits for us. If you take our benefits away what are you going to take away from the big wigs of Patriot and Peabody Coal?

Sincerely,

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