

October 17, 2012



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

Dear Judge Chapman:

I am writing you to urge you not to let Peabody, Arch and Patriot shed their responsibility to provide me health care coverage from cradle to grave.

I worked started working in the coalmines for Eastern Gas and Fuel in 1945. I committed 38 years of service with the Company, even though it changed names and owners many times. I retired in 1983, then I was promised that I would always have a monthly income and health benefits for the years of service I gave to this Company.

I now suffer from Black Lung due to the years I spent in the mines. My medical insurance has helped me buy my medicines, purchase a wheel chair because I am unable to walk around like I want to and purchase a hospital bed because I am unable to get out of my bed. My medical Insurance has allowed me to purchase these things and stay in my home and provide for myself and not burden my children with the expense.

Your Honor, please do not let these companies disrespect the years that I have proudly gave to the Coalmines and weasel out of their responsibilities.

Sincerely,

William H. Kanott
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