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Your Honor

I am writing to you about how the bankruptcy case that Patriot Coal has filed will affect me and my family, as well as thousands of other men and women and their families.

My husband worked for over 30 years for Peabody Coal Company. He was so glad to have a job with a company that thought enough of their employees that there was a pension and insurance. He worked 7 days a week most of the time and was a faithful employee. Never called in sick, even when his family thought he should. He was brought up to be loyal and glad to have a job. He passed away in 2007.

In 1996 I was diagnosed with Lymphoma. Insurance was one less thing that our family had to worry about. My husband was so proud of that fact. If I lose this insurance and the pension that I receive it will be very hard on me, as well and many more. I know there are hundreds, even thousands of men and women that will suffer if this is taken away.

Please consider this when you make your decision.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I am sincerely grateful.

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