

October 3, 2012

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



Hear Judge Chapman.

My wife and I are very concerned about the Patriot Bankruptcy filing.

I retired from the mines after 28 years. I'm presently 75 yrs. old. I retired under the 1974 contract.

I had my left kidney removed because of cancer in 2001. I had a stroke on my right side in 2009. I had a pacemaker since 2011.

Patriot Coal's desire to file bankruptcy will affect my medical finances greatly. Their supplemental medical benefits are very much needed.

As you are aware Medicare/Social Security is in a very questionable state. My age is 75 and my physical problems do not allow me the choice of working to supplement my current benefits.

It is very difficult to be in the

"bird" of legal negotiations and
the coal miners being threatened
with medical benefits being
sacrificed.

We would like a change of
venue to Charleston, W. Virginia.

Sincerely,
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