

Letter to Judge Chapman

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

Honorable Judge Chapman,

I am writing to you today to explain how important my medical benefits are to me. When I retired from the coal mine my pension was very small, just a little over \$400 per month.

I also fought in the service, Navy, overseas for 39 months during WW.II. I came home and worked hard to build this country again. I paid the max SS every year. That was not my selection or choice to do so, but as you know was put on us by our government. When I retired, they said, "thanks for your service we are docking your SS check by 20% because you were born in the wrong slot of years. I was born in 1925.

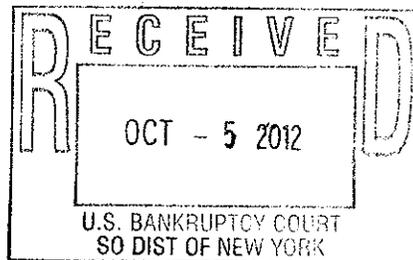
Over the years the union has given me a \$15.00 raise a month for the next year. That has occurred a few years. My big pension is now up to \$468.00 for a month. When I retired they told me that part of my pension was this wonderful health care for Medicare supplement for the rest of our lives, (My wife's and mine)

How do you think we could live and pay for medication and doctor visits on that kind of money. It is only money not rubber.

Thank you,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: UMWA Members (Patriot Local Unions)

FROM: Cecil E. Roberts ^{EXH} CER
International President

RE: Patriot Update and Information Request

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding the Patriot Bankruptcy and to ask that you also provide some specific information. To accomplish our goal, I am going to need your assistance and I can assure you that all of this information is critical in helping to preserve your benefits.

The information and requests are as follows:

- On September 11-12, 2012, the Bankruptcy Judge in New York held a hearing on the Change of Venue motion filed by the UMWA and others. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Judge asked that all interested parties submit briefs on October 5, 2012. We expect the Judge to issue her ruling by mid to late October. As soon as she makes her ruling, I will inform you of her decision.
- Even if the Judge rules against moving the case to Charleston, West Virginia, where it rightfully belongs, the UMWA will participate in the bankruptcy proceedings whether it is in New York City or St. Louis.

- We are preparing a video regarding our struggle that will be distributed to all Local Unions. The video can be shown at Local Halls, town hall meetings, churches and elsewhere.

As I previously stated, I am going to need your assistance if we are going to prevail against Peabody, Arch and Patriot. I have always been able to count on your support in the past, and I know I can count on you now. This is our fight and together we will win. May God Bless You and the United Mine Workers of America.

Enclosures

cc: Daniel J. Kane, International Secretary-Treasurer
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