



403 E. Florence Street  
Windsor, Missouri 65360  
October 2, 2012

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

In Re: Peabody-Patriot Bankruptcy

Dear Judge Chapman:

I am 82 years old, a retired employee of Peabody Coal company, and a member in good standing of the United Mine Workers of America for over fifty years.

The ensuing bankruptcy proceedings of Patriot Coal Company is of grave concern to me.

I lead an active life until the age of 61 when I had triple-bypass surgery. That was followed by surgery for a herniated disc. While I recovered from these surgeries, I then had a hip replacement at the age of 72, which combined with osteoarthritis, has limited my physical activity.

Because of these series of conditions and chronic prostatitis, it has been necessary for me to be under specialists' care, and I must take medications to cope with the side effects. In 2011 at the age of 80, I was diagnosed with Diabetes 2. The medication for that alone is \$146.25 a month. Peripheral neuropathy in addition to the diabetes has debilitated my physical condition.

I have been married for 60 years to my wife, Florence. At the age of 82 she had surgery for breast cancer Stage 2. During the past years she has undergone chemotherapy and radiation.

We live 90 miles from our specialists and the cancer center. This factor requires travel and over-nite stays on occasion. At this time in our lives to lose our benefits would be

not only discouraging but disastrous. Finding supplemental insurance at our age and with pre-existing conditions would be difficult, and extraordinarily expensive.

All our lives we have been honest, hard-working people who owe no-one. It is very discouraging to think that we may ruin that reputation with the loss of a pension check plus medical benefits that I worked long, hard hours to receive.

Thank you for considering some of these conditions that we face as you proceed with this case.

Respectfully yours,  
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