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To the Honorable Shelley C. Chapman

I am writing to you regarding the Patriot Coal Bankruptcy proceedings. Our future depends upon the outcome of this court case. As a retired coal miner, I am asking that Arch Coal (Patriot Coal) Honor their promise to provide us with health care.

My wife has chronic illnesses that require her to take many drugs to keep her well enough to function on a day to day basis. As an example, she has Rheumatoid Arthritis, which costs thousands of dollars each month to keep her out of pain. She also takes medications for diabetes, high blood pressure and a few other medical issues. All of this is far more than we could ever afford to pay for on a fixed income.

Health care is our life-line in every sense of the word. We earned it. Please keep it for us!

Thank you for taking our case into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely
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