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November 5, 2012

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

Dear Judge Chapman:

The UMWA received the enclosed letters. They were intended to go to the court.

Sincerely,

Judith Rivlin

Enclosures

10 October 2013

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

Dear Judge Chapman,

As a retired coal miner with 34 years of service, I am writing to express my concern regarding the Patriot Bankruptcy and the affect the potential loss of my health insurance will have on my family. As health insurance was a retirement benefit, my wife and I did not prepare a contingency plan to secure health insurance.

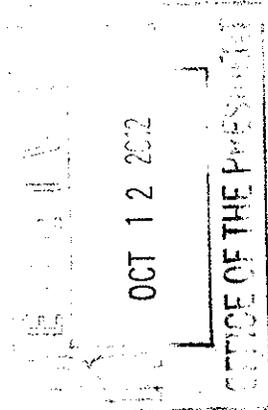
Obtaining insurance at a "reasonable cost" in your 70's is not an easy endeavor. My wife and I have both been hospitalized in the recent past and have been thankful we were covered by insurance. It would be a significant financial hardship on us if we had no insurance and suffered any major medical issues requiring hospitalization.

In addition, we are currently on seven recurring prescription drugs to treat existing medical conditions. We have not budgeted for these drugs and it would be a hardship to pay for them should we lose our health insurance.

As you make your decision, I respectfully request you consider the impact the loss of insurance will have not only for my family, but for all United Mine Worker of America members and their families affected by the Patriot Bankruptcy. If you or your staff would like to discuss this matter with me personally I can be reached at 618-295-2966.

Sincerely,

Albert Hall
715 S. Main St
PO Box 92
Marissa, IL 62257



Dear Judge Peabody
your honor

I suffered from Cervical fusion in 5+6 Vertebrae of my Neck, a Crushed L-1 Vertebrae in Lumbar Back, a Broken ankle a Broken wrist + 2 operations on this on this Wrist I suffered from severe Bursas on my hands from a exploding shuttle cable plus Numerous soft tissue Injuries from my employment at #7 mine at Montcoal W.V.

Roger Elkins
150 oak Grove Rd
Beckley W.V.

I was working for Peabody Coal Co when these accidents occurred. I am on disability now R. E. 25801

To the Honorable Shelley C. Chapman;

This is one of the widows Diane Small which will lose everything if I lose my insurance & medicine. I have colon problems part of which is gone. I have nerve problems which I'm sure everyone has by now. I'm losing my house, have lost my son, brother, husband mother-in-law mother + father + nephew one each year for that last eight years I realize it's not any one persons fault but what are we suppose to do? I have to take at least twelve different kinds of medicine a day, I know my one letter probably means very little but I have to start some place. So please please help all of us that are losing, I will wait as long as I can before going to the doctor + try to do without all the medicines I can.

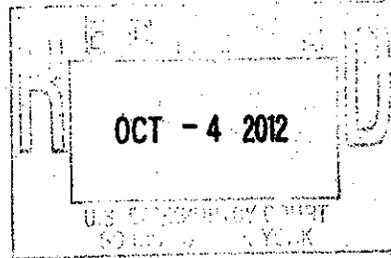
Sherron Diane Small
315 N. Hamilton
Morris IL 62257
widow of
James W. Steffy

Thank You for listening
The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman

God BLESS

October 1, 2012

The Honorable Shelly C. Chapman
One Bowling Green
Courtroom 621
New York, New York 10004



Dear Honorable Shelley C. Chapman:

I am writing on behalf of my father, Theodore Hampton Frederick, Jr. in response to the letter we received regarding the Patriot bankruptcy filings. I would like to explain what it would mean to my family should their health care benefits be diminished.

First, my father is completely blind in one eye and suffers from macular degeneration in the other. Macular degeneration requires a monthly injection in his "good eye" in an attempt to prevent complete and total blindness. He has relied on this monthly treatment for the past eight years and will be required to continue with this treatment for the remainder of his life. It would be financially impossible for him to bear the cost of the monthly injections he is required to have in order to maintain any vision whatsoever.

My mother, Marilyn Frederick suffers from several health issues. First, she has two prosthetic hips that are required to be replaced every 10-12 years. To this date, she has required three hip replacements. Second, she suffers from osteoporosis and degenerative disc disease. Just recently a minor trip and fall resulted in the complete shattering of her wrist. The injury required a complicated surgery, a permanent metal plate inserted into her arm and several months of strenuous physical therapy.

These health issues would have destroyed them financially without the medical insurance benefits that my father worked his entire life to have in his retirement years. I can not express how emotionally stressful the potential loss of any of these benefits, health or pension is to my parents. The toll would be unbearable.

Please consider the life time of hard work and sacrifice these coal miners have made to secure their families health and financial well being.

Sincerely,

Sheri F. Getsinger, daughter

Sheri F. Getsinger

Theodore H. Frederick, Jr. (Local 9653 Sub District 23, District 1)

Theodore H. Frederick, Jr.

Marilyn Frederick

Marilyn Frederick

Anna Majora Re: Retirement and Health Benefits
To The Honorable Shelby S. Chapman Pg 1 of 1

My disability are,
Heart trouble, have a pace maker,
stroke, on Octagon, daily, & Pap machine
at night, Arthritis, Can hardly walk, 3 discs
out of my back, I am 74 yrs of age soon will be
75, I take 17 diff. medications, Can not live
alone, & not able to do any thing, have to have
some one staying with me, all the time, I need
this insurance badly, I can not afford to keep
it, my husband - passed away Nov 5th 2011, &
that cut my income a lot. Please take this
in consideration,

Thank you
Anna Majora

P.S

Sorry, I can't remember - the Union or District
numbers, my husband worked 38 yrs. in the
mines, lost his leg, at Digger Mines, in Indiana
in 1971, went back to work & retired in 1974,
moved back to Ky. in 2000.

October 3, 2012

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

Dear Honorable Chapman:

This letter is in response to your request for information from a memo I received on September 28, 2012. I understand that the hearing for Patriot Bankruptcy could be held at your location. I want to share my story with your court. I am dependent upon my UMWA insurance. I, unfortunately, cannot commit to a one-week stint to support this effort or I would be there in support of the union myself. I have MS and I my health prevents me from traveling even short distances.

My disease has required many different types of medication that are costly and not at all covered by Medicare or any other supplemental insurance. I would not, at this point, qualify for any other independent insurance due to my disease. I currently take copaxin which would cost me over \$3400 per month without my UMWA benefits. I would not be able to sustain this medicine at that cost. This would cause my muscles to deteriorate at a rapid rate and my health and life would suffer greatly.

In addition to my MS, which is currently my greatest challenge, I have also suffered from a myocardio infarction which resulted in a triple by-pass. This requires me to take a series of medications to keep my blood flowing freely and this medication is also costly and not completely covered by medicare benefits.

I am attaching a copy of my pharmaceutical list. This will confirm my concerns that this bankruptcy and cop out by Patriot Coal will expedited my depleting health. I beg of you to consider my story along with the thousands of other retired mine workers that are in similar situations. I retired under the impression that this company, which I sacrificed many years for, would take care of me and my insurance needs well into the future. I do not have a back-up plan and in my state would not be able to find one.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or follow-ups. My phone number is 270-383-5591 and my email is dannysimons@att.net.

Thank you for considering my situation.

Sincerely,


William D. Simons

WILLIAM D SIMONS, 310 WILSON AVE., EARLINGTON KY 42410
AGE 65 DOB 9-16-1947
BLOOD TYPE B+
MS SINCE 1992, HEART ATTACK W/TRIPLE BYPASS 6-4-03
GALL BLADDER REMOVED 3-06
PHARMACY; WALGREEN 270.825.1541

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| COPOXONE | 20mg | 1 DAILY EVENING |
| BACLOFEN | 20mg | 1 TABLET 7 TIMES A DAY |
| BAYER | 81mg | 1 DAILY/MORNING-NIGHT |
| POTASSIUM | 20mg | 2 DAILY/MORNING-NIGHT |
| FUROSEMIDE | 40mg | 2 DAILY/MORNING |
| CARVEDILOL | 3.125mg | 2 DAILY/MORNING-NIGHT |
| EFFEXOR | 75mg | 1 DAILY/MORNING |
| AMANTADINE | 100g | 1 DAILY/MORNING |
| RANITIDINE | 150mg | 2 DAILY/MORNING-NIGHT |
| CRESTOR | 10mg | 1 DAILY/NIGHT |
| ISOSORB DIN | 60mg | 1 DAILY/MORNING |
| OCUVITE | | 1 DAILY/MORNING |
| COLESTIE | 1gm | 2 DAILY/MORNING |
| FERR SULFATE | 325 mg | 1 DAILY |
| SULFAMETH/TRIMETHOPRIM | 800/160 TABS | 2 DAILY/MORNING-NIGHT |
| NYSTATIN | 100 MU PWDR | |
| VITAMIN D | 50000IU CAPSULES | 1 A MONTH |
| FOLIC ACID | 1mg | 1 DAILY |

Dear Honorable Shelly C Chapman,

My mother ROBERTA JEAN BAUGH, is my Father's surviving spouse, she is 77 yrs old, she has many health problems, My main concern is Alzimers + Parkason's Disease, she really does not know or understand what is going on, I take care of my mother the best I can, but without her medical cards I don't know what I or she would do! it's sad they would even try to take away something so valuable to her, she needs this now more than ever so I beg for my mother because she cannot beg for herself please do not take the only thing my father James Lee Baugh worked so hard for her to have! She would die without this medical benefit so please, don't take this one last thing she has at least till she dies, it's bad enough they took my dad's Black Lung Benefits from her, they gave it to her for a year then took that away, My father never got to see a bit of the Black Lung Benefits he passed in Jan- of the year 05) He worked so hard for these things to help take care of my mother, after he passed, so please just give her this last one thing she needs very desperately,

Speaking for My Mother

Because she cannot

Cathy Lynn Baugh

I would beg
 n my knees if I could
 for my mother,

(PS)

and Mam, May God bless you and
 Guide you in the Right Decision on
 This

^{Honorable}
 Bless you Shelly C Chapman

- 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
Don Barnett, At-Large International Vice President
Donnie Samms, At-Large International Vice President
Steve Earle, International District 12 Vice President
Joe Carter, International District 17 Vice President
Mike Caputo, International District 31 Vice President
Bob Scaramozzino, Executive Assistant to the President
Ron Airhart, Executive Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer
Gary Trout, Region II Director

DEAR HONORABLE SHELLEY C. CHAPMAN.

I AM A RETIREE, I RETIRED 1991. I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW BAD I NEED THE INSURANCE WITH PATRIOT COAL CO.

I AM 77 YEAR OLD, AND HAVE GOT A LOT OF HEALTH PROBLEMS AND CANNOT LIVE WITH OUT THE INSURANCE WITH PATRIOT COAL CO.

AND I HAVE GOT A LOT OF HEALTH PROBLEMS, SUCH PROBLEMS OF BAD HEARTH, BLACK LUNG, CANCER, AND ARTHRITIS, IN EVERY JOINT OF MY BODY. I HOPE YOU WILL NOT LET PATRIOT COAL CO DO AWAY WITH MY INSURANCE.

I THANK YOU VERY VERY ~~MUCH~~
MUCH

Noble E. Pritt

October 7, 2012

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

In regards to the letter received on October 5, 2012 concerning Patriot Coal's Bankruptcy, I am writing on behalf of Aileen B. Davis - surviving widow of Charles Doyd Davis (Pete). I am Sandra J. Hall acting Power of Attorney for my sister Aileen B. Davis. I have attached my mailing address and phone number with a copy of my POA so that you may keep me informed of the status of the Bankruptcy proceedings and outcomes.

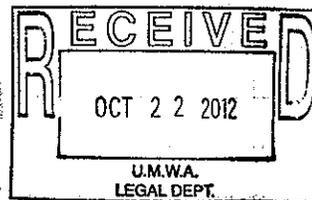
I called to get the Local Union and District information and was unable to get it. I was told that it was okay to send letter without this information. Aileen B. Davis was placed in an assisted living facility (Mayfair House in Cedar Bluff, VA) on May 31, 2012. She has been diagnosed in phase of Dementia (Alzheimer's) and is unable to take care of her paperwork. The current Patriot Insurance coverage is what is taking care of her medical bills and her treatment and care at the Mayfair House.

Aileen B. Davis is 86 years old and is unable to get benefit coverage elsewhere. This insurance coverage is what both she and Charles Lloyd Davis (Pete) relied on during retirement years. They paid into this insurance with the understanding that they would be covered during retirement and neither were given any indication of what to do in case of Bankruptcy by Patriot Coal.

Please take into consideration during these court proceedings that these are real people and real situations that us family members are having to deal with on a daily basis. Financially, I cannot afford additional burden of Aileen's coverage and care as I am also a retired Senior Citizen with no means for additional income or coverage. Patriot Insurance is Aileen's sole means of Coverage and due to her current medical condition, it is urgent that her Coverage remain intact.

If you need further information to secure Aileen B Davis' Insurance Coverage, please contact me.

Sandra J Hall
POA Aileen B Davis
276 - 322 - 3669



October 4, 2012

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

I am Alpha E. England, retired coal miner from Peabody Coal. This letter is about us as a family. My wife, Arleen F. England for the last few years she has had a lot of medical issues. Let me list them for you.

4 years ago upon my wifes annual checkup, it was found that she was very anemic. Her Primary Doctor referred her to a Gastroenterology Doctor who after testing found Crohn's Disease, which is an auto immune disease. She was treated for that for 3 years and now for the past year have been in remission.

She had 2 stints put in my heart after heart cath test.

She had a Gaul bladder attack a month after the stints were put in and spent a couple days in the hospital. About 2 months later the gall bladder had to come out.

After taking the med's for the crohn's disease, her resistance got so low that her Pulmonary doctor found masses in the right lung. Surgery was done and determined that all spots were fungus growing, thank the Lord it was not cancer. This meant she was on another regiment of medications.

She had cataracts removed from both eyes. Then she had a spike in sugar and they found the diabetes (which was caused by the auto immune disease) and it changed her vision after the cataract surgery and she needed her lense prescription changed in her glasses again. She developed a very painful arthritis all over her body and she went to a Rheumatology Doctor who said that the Crohn's had caused the arthritis similar to rheumatoid arthritis. She was given a prescription that was slow acting and have had good relief from the pain.

She had very painful wrists especially at night and a Neurosurgeon found carpel tunnel and sent her to a hand surgeon who did surgery on both wrists. The right thumb had so much arthritis in it that they had to remove a bone in the thumb.

At present her Pulmonary Doctor is watching her left lung as there was a spot that had been there for quite a while but he found that there were some changes. He did a biopsy and it was negative for cancer but is still watching it routinely.

She is still having some stomach discomfort for which they are presently checking on.

Over the 4 years she has had 2 blood transfusions and 5 infusions of iron and am still anemic. Doctors are keeping a watch on that routinely as well.

In 2010 her prescription drug bills totaled \$31,471.46

I as the member, had hernia surgery and both cataracts removed from my eyes.

So you see our concern over loosing our insurance. This would cause a horrific hardship on our family emotionally and financially.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alpha E. England".

Alpha E. England
112 Carlyle Ave.
Belleville, IL 62220