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Honorable Judge Kathy A. Sematt. States

This letter is about the bankruptcy of Patriot Coal. I know you have had several letters concerning this, but as my husband has retired with 33 years of service, I felt it was a duty to write to you.

We, both have high school Ed. and felt blessed when Claude got a job in the U.S. coal mines.

We adopted a son and we felt we was on "top of the world." We felt Claude got good pay, we had health ins. and promised a retirement check and health care when he got to retire.

I don't think my husband was ever late for work one time. He only took his promised days off. It seems to me, most young people don't use as much health care - as when you are older.

Claude now has High Blood Pressure, ulcers and Atrial-Fib with his Heart. It has went out of Rhythm and was shocked 8 times within the last 10 years.

We need our health Ins. now - more than ever.

Claude gave his "all" to be a good employee. He has worked for what we have.

I feel it is a terrible thing to promise health care and when you are a widow or getting old - a company will take away what a person gave their whole life for. My Grandfather, my Dad, my brother as well as my husband was a coal miner and we are very proud of it. But we are not proud or happy, about how the Co. is treating us,

We was able to send our son to college and I wanted him to have a better job - with better conditions) and He is employed by the Federal Gov. in a prison position.

Claude retired from PeaBody Coal, not Patriot Coal - but by them buying PeaBody - They inherited our retirement and Health Care. I do hope you could consider all the widows, and dependents, but most of all - the employees who gave all - some with their life, to make patriot what they were.

In closing, I cannot accept in my heart, that Patriot would give six million in bonus to people to give them the best

Admission on bankruptcy when
honorable men have already
gave them their life to make
a honorable coal company.

Thank you, your Honor,
you just reading how a wife
of a coal miner really feels -
just from her heart.

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