

March 5, 2013

Attn: Greg Boyce
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Dear Sir,

I am writing you in regards to the Patriot Coal Bankruptcy. My husband is a retired Peabody Coal miner. Let me correct that, he is a disabled retired coal miner who had to retire after 33 years due to health issues at age 55. That early retirement resulted in him taking a cut in his monthly retirement income due to his age at that time.

His health issues have continued to decline in the past 15 years. He has a bad back, bad knees, CHF, COPD, emphysema, kidney failure and diabetes. At this time in our lives, he should not have the added stress of worrying how we are going to pay for the medications he so desperately needs just to be able to function on a day to day basis. Our creditors are not going to allow us not to pay our obligations with them just because we tell them we do not have the income to pay them. It will come down to having money for food and basic necessities or medications and health care.

We do not live extravagantly by no means and only ask that what has been promised, be kept a promise. We deal with daily necessity obligations at this time due to him being on a fixed income. He was always proud to be a part of Peabody Coal, thinking he would grow older without the worry of healthcare and medications. All we ask is that the right thing be done, for Peabody Coal to keep its promises. He has worked hard all his life and at no fault of his own - other than working long hard hours and every shift he could to do his part which helped to make Peabody the successful and established coal company that it has become - he is unable to go back into the work force.

During his employment with Peabody, he worked at 5 different mines, relocating due to mines shutting down and/or laying off workers. Each time he relocated, he moved his family at his own cost. Even with these inconveniences and extra expenses he continued to work for Peabody Coal because he felt their loyalty to its employees would always be something to be proud of and that Peabody would take care of the employees who dedicated their working career to coal mining.

The day to day stress of living with his disabilities is more stress than I wish he had to deal with each day. Worrying about not having health coverage was one stress I never dreamed he would have to face. Please, as a concerned and worried wife, I ask Peabody and Patriot Coal to keep the promises they made to each miner upon hire.

Respectfully,

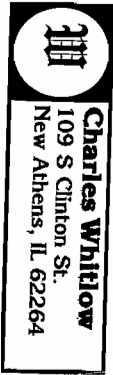
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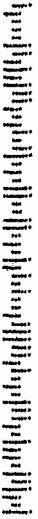
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