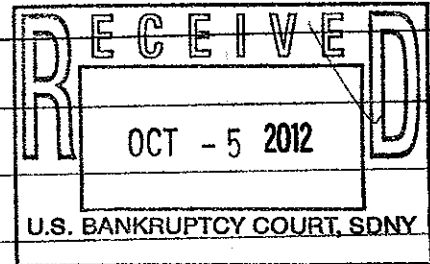


Benton, Mo.

Oct. 2, 2012

The Honorable Judge Shelly L. Chapman,
One Bowling Green
Courtroom 621
New York, New York 10004-1408



Dear Judge Chapman,
I am writing to you today about the bankruptcy of Patriot Coal Company. I worked for 24 years for Peabody Coal Company. After I retired I was changed to Patriot Coal. I don't understand this since Peabody is still in business. When I started work with Peabody in 1972 the company was worth \$114,000,000 dollars. A year before I retired they sold 49 percent to the Hanson Group of England for 1.2 billion dollars.

Contracts were negotiated between the UMW and Peabody every 2-3 years. The membership turned down raises in pay to insure our future pensions and Health Care. A ruling in favor of Patriot Coal would devastate me.

My wife and I have Health problems
and we would no longer be able to
afford our Health care and every day
needs.

Please take in to account all of these
miners and what this would mean
to them. I am sure that there will
be many on medicade and Food Stamps.

Sincerely,
Charles E. Robinson
Local 1148 UMWA