



To The HONORABLE Shelly C. Chapman,

My name is Michael HULTMAN,  
I Belong to Local union 1503 of the  
U.M.W.A. I am an employee of Patriot  
Coal Company. I am writting to you in  
Regard to the chapter 11 Bankruptcy  
of Patriot Coal Company. When I started  
working in the Coal Mines in 1975, This  
Company was owned By Eastern  
Associated Coal Corporation AND then  
was bought by Peabody Coal Corporation,  
AND Both of these Company's Guaranteed  
myself + my spouse Health + Pension Benefits  
For the rest of our Lives. Then Peabody  
made Patriot Coal a seperate Business  
Because they don't want to live-up to  
their Responsibility's, They took the  
Profits But not the OBLIGATIONS.  
Peabody is still the Largest coal Co.  
in the World. The Employee's lived-up  
to their OBLIGATIONS, Some miner's  
Like myself are Left with physical  
Disability's + some even lost their  
Lives doing their Job. Please make  
the Company's do their Job. We need  
our Healthcare and Pensions after ALL  
we EARNED them. Now I AM Disabled since 1996

after 21 YEARS of service to them  
AND my wife has COPD. Now Just  
because PeaBody changed their NAME,  
Myself + my spouse + all other men + women  
COAL MINERS w/ DISABILITIES HAVE to SUFFER.  
Employer's shouldn't Be ALLOWED to do this  
to their employee's this will ~~CAUSE~~ CAUSE great  
HARDSHIP to ALOT of good people. We Wish  
This case to Be heard IN West VIRGINIA  
since <sup>THE</sup> most affected Live Here.

The DECLARATION of ~~Independence~~ INDEPENDENCE  
SAYS "we the PEOPLE" not we the Big  
CORPORATIONS. Big COMPANYS shouldn't  
Be ALLOWED to take AWAY ALL of the  
Benefits I WAS Promised and that I  
RIGHTFULLY EARNED it's not Right OR  
FAIR. I hope you actually READ this Letter  
AND see what is REALLY happening to HARD  
WORKING People. Now we might Find ourselves  
IN A DIFFACULT Position, Just BECAUSE they  
CLAIM they don't make A PROFIT NOW.

THANK YOU

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