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



Honorable Chapman:

My name is Victor King, I am quite concerned about the upcoming bankruptcy that will impact my life and my families life tremedously. I worked thirty-five years for the coal company. It started out as Eastern Gas and Fuel. Through the years the company became Patriot Coal. During my years of service with the company I had endured multiple injuries during my thirtyfive years of service. These injuries have caused me much pain and suffering over the years. Listed below are several injuries that happed during work, as a result I am still dealing with the problems today.

In 1995 I stepped from the man cage, twisted my right knee. As a result of this injury, I had to retire in 1999, due to the massive pain and no longer being able to function at 100% of my work duties. Then, on September 11, 2007 I had my right knee replaced. This replacement was direct result of my work injury in 1995.

On August 31, 2012 I had to have neck surgery, due to hitting my head multiple times while working in the coal mines. This has caused me to have pain and numbness in my left arm, thumb, index and middle finger along with burning pain down my back. I had to have two discs removed between 5 and 6 and 6 and 7 and replaced with artificial ones and a plate to hold them in place.

Due to having to breath in the dust from the coal I have issues with my lungs and breathing. I do not breath at the capicity that I should. I have shortness of breath and can not complete most daily tasks without taking breaks and resting.

These are just a few of the health conditions that I have endured over the years. It would be unjust for the company to drop Health Benefits for thier loyal employees and thier families. Who gave them their loyalty and their lives. We stood by the company when they needed us... They need to stand by us!!!

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