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The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman

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New York, New York 10004-1408

I am writing this letter in regards to the bankruptcy status of Patriot Coal Company.

I was in a coal mine accident on April 12, 1975. I received sevier back injuries which resulted in me taking a early medical retirement. Three Discs in my back were crushed so I had my back fussed in 1976 and again in 1977 but I was still never able to return back to work. My last Day of work was April 21, 1976.

Since then I have had both hips replaced and 11 vertebraes repaired. I also have sevier COPD so I have many reasons to be concerned over my Patriot Coal benefits. I frequently have to be hospitalized; my life depends on Health Care.

Sincerely,

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