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Judge Steven W. Rhodes  
US Bankruptcy Court for Eastern District of Michigan  
211 W. Fort Street, Suite 1800  
Detroit, MI 48226

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Dear Honorable Judge Steven W. Rhodes:

My name is Gisele Caver. I am a retired Detroit Police Sergeant. Being a police officer was a career choice for me – a lifelong dream not just a job. I retired in 2000 after 25 years of service. Prior to retiring I was diagnosed with Systemic Sarcoidosis an autoimmune disease with no known cure. Some days are better than others but I'm still here.

It was a hardship for me to lose my medical insurance at this point in my life. It has taken me years to find a doctor to manage my disease because it is systemic. My specialist does not participate in the lower level insurance plans, therefore for my health's sake I have to pay for a more expensive insurance. Additionally, the protocol of medications may not be covered which will mean either taking a medications that may not control the disease or going without other necessities in life in order to live. I never thought I would be trying to decide to buy medicine or food.

At my age and medical status getting a job to supplement my pension is ludicrous. I made a conscious decision to dedicate 25 years of my life in service to the Detroit Police Department. I fulfilled my contractual obligation to serve and protect. My expectation was that the City would fulfill its contractual obligation to protect me.

I hope you will take these facts into consideration when you render your decision. I can't see the Emergency Manager rebuilding City services and debt on money that I have earned.

Respectfully submitted



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