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The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman  
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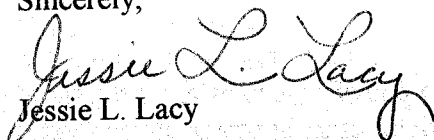
My name is Jessie L. Lacy. I'm the widow of Charles W. Lacy, who worked for Peabody Coal Company and retired after 41 years of dedicated service. In July 2012 I received a letter regarding the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Patriot Coal Company. This was extremely disturbing to me. My husband passed away in 1997 and he had worked hard and felt sure that I would be well taken care of because of the health insurance, drug coverage and pension provided by him through UMWA. Now I'm greatly concerned that these benefits will no longer exist and this will place me in a great hardship.

In 2008 I was forced, because of my physical condition, to move to Alabama (our home since retirement had been Tennessee) to live with my daughter. My condition has worsened and I am now basically totally crippled and have to be moved around in a wheelchair. If I were to lose the health care, prescription drug coverage and the pension, it would place me in a tough position because of the care that I need at present. I have to look at things realistically and know that in the upcoming months my condition will probably worsen and I'll need additional assistance, which my daughter cannot handle by herself. If I have to acquire supplemental insurance and drug coverage, this will be an expense that will be extremely hard for me to pay, especially since I would not have the pension money either.

I believe my husband would be so hurt and disappointed to know that now I might lose the care he had so lovingly provided for me through UMWA. Please don't let this buy-out cost many others and me such concern and unnecessary expense. Under both the Coal Act and the National Bituminous Coal Wage Agreement employers are **required** to maintain health care benefits for their retired employees and surviving spouses **for life**. At a time in our country when promises are broken like dropping a glass, please make this a promise that will be kept no matter who buys the Coal Company.

Thank you for taking the time to "listen" to my heart on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Jessie L. Lacy

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