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Dear Honorable Shelly Chapman,

I am writing concerning the case concerning Arch of Ky or Detroit Coal.

My husband was an employee of Arch of Ky for over 23 years. He died last Nov. and I am his widow.

My husband and other miners signed a contract with Arch and part of that contract was health benefits, this was part of his wages.

If Arch is allowed to get out of their responsibility of furnishing health care for their former employees & spouses then they not only are breaking their contract but I have only social security and widows pension and am about breaking even now. I cannot see a way to buy supplemental insurance for myself. My husband & I have always been hard working people we don't ask for sympathy or hand out but think that everyone should keep their word. Please consider the effect that your decision will have on all the ones that are concerned with this case.

Thank you

Mrs. John Bledsoe