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

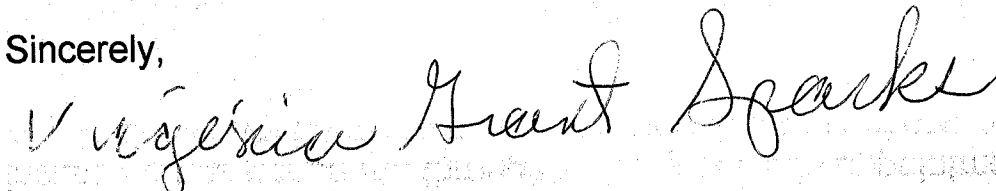
Dear Judge Chapman,

My husband passed away on December 13, 1990. He was retired from the coal mines and had black lung. We had worked very hard all our lives to raise and college educate four sons. At only 63 years of age, my husband, Jackie Ferrell Sparks, lost his battle with cancer, which was caused or at least complicated because of his years working for Peabody Coal.

I am now nearly 84 years old, legally blind, have diabetes, high blood pressure, and many other health issues. My income is not great and I feel very unsure about what would happen if my health insurance is lost. This insurance has gotten me through with my doctor's appointments and many medications. My husband never dreamed there might come a day when this benefit promised to him, could just vanish.

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that you keep this tragedy from taking place. I am one of thousands that will be impacted by your decision. Please know how helpless we all feel and how much we have to lose. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,



Virginia Grant Sparks