

The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman
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Courtroom 621
New York, New York 10004-1408

October 2, 2012

Dear Honorable Chapman:

I am writing you to please consider the insurance to be continued for the United Mine Workers of America. My husband Everett E. Gilham, Local 1410, District 11 of Indiana has been a member since November 1968. We have given up alot in salaries and other benefits so we could have the needed insurance when we reach our older years.

I had a heart attack July 11, 2000, a wife of Everett, and have doctored, since for this problem. Then I had the unfortunate event of being diagnosed with cancer 4 years ago. I have gone through 3 different rounds of chemo and this could not have been necessary without insurance. Just one session, two days cost \$32,000. Not many people can afford these costs, and by the way I had 6 of these sessions the last time. I also had 8 protein infusions at a cost of \$10,000 each. At these costs I find it hard to continue with medical coverage if insurance does not

prevail.

We have gone through many strikes during this time fighting for our benefits and yes, once again giving up salary. No salary was earned during these strikes.

In 1995 Everett was involved in a bad coal hauler accident. It had been raining and a big hauler came around the corner and slid into my husband's stopped truck. He was off work many days and suffers every day from the accident.

Please consider the many effected people as you make your decision. They are a hard working group of men in all kinds of weather.

Your consideration will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Susan G. Gilham