

The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman,

I'm writing in regard to the Bankruptcy action by Peabody, Arch + Patriot. They're wanting to do away with our health benefits.

I'm seventy seven years old and really need these benefits. I am a breast cancer survivor and recently had to have a new lymph node checked out.

So far it isn't cancer but I have to go periodically to have it checked.

I also have arthritis in almost every joint in my body plus numerous other ailments. I depend on these ^{health} benefits to survive. I get ~~social~~ social security plus a small pension from Peabody. I can't afford to pay for the kind of insurance I need out of that.

My husband worked for Peabody Coal for seventeen years before he retired. These benefits were assured by Peabody to last until his death and mine. That was part of his wage agreement.

The miners accepted less wages at the time to be assured of these promised lifetime benefits.

I don't have any idea what I'll do without mine.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

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Yours truly
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