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The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman

I am enclosing a copy of what we UMWA pensioners regarded as a personal guarantee of our health and retirement fund. This letter is dated July 1, 1996.

My husband is 87 years old, I am 78. He is in a local nursing home due to a fall and broken hip. I have had to get him on Medicaid and I still have to pay over 400.00 monthly.

I am not able to work either.

It is already a financial struggle to get by each month.

I don't know what we would do if we had to buy insurance.

Please help us get to keep our health insurance and benefits.

Thank you for your help.

Respectfully

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wife of Victor Joe Goodwin
retired UMWA - Peabody Coal Co.

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June 1, 1996

SUBJECT: The UMWA Health and Retirement Funds Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Dear Beneficiary:

On May 29, 1996, the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds celebrated their 50th Anniversary. As you know, the Funds were created in a contract between the UMWA and the Federal Government during a time of government seizure of the Nation's bituminous coal mines. The contract was signed in the White House with President Harry Truman in attendance.

The story of the Funds since that day in 1946 is a part of your lives. From their inception, the UMWA Funds have played the major role in providing you and your family's health care benefits and pensions.

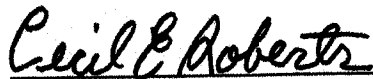
From the early days -- the Funds' work in rehabilitating severely disabled miners served as a model for states to improve their own rehabilitation programs -- to today's managed care delivery of Medicare and other health benefits, the Funds have been a consistent provider of quality medical care.

The Pension Funds have seen a major transition over the years. These Funds no longer rely solely on contributions to pay your pensions. The hundreds of millions of dollars paid to the Funds since the mid-70s are working for you. As a result, your pension checks will keep coming no matter what happens to the coal industry.

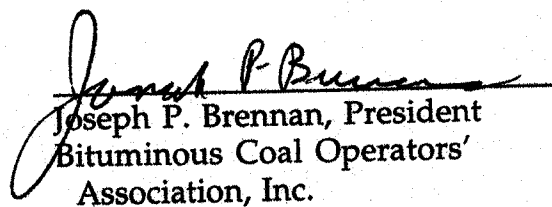
The United Mine Workers and the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association have, at times, had serious disputes over the Funds. At other times, we have recognized a common need and objective such as enacting Federal legislation known as the "Coal Act" that *assures your promised lifetime health care benefits*. We also agreed to make the contributions necessary to *assure your pension benefits*.

For 50 years, the Funds have provided necessary medical care and retirement income to many thousands of retired miners and their families. We want to congratulate you for your part in making the Funds' programs a success over the years, and to join with you in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of this unique institution known as the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds.

Sincerely,



Cecil E. Roberts, President
United Mine Workers of
of America



Joseph P. Brennan, President
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