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To: The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman
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From: Barbara Lou Harris
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My name is Barbara L. Harris and I'm writing to you as a 35 year coal miner retired from Patriot Coal. I choose the surface coal miner job so I could make more money for my son and my family. My Daddy was a coal miner and its rare to have a lady choose this job. I was and you can check my work record one of the best workers on the job. The men respected me as a lady and I respected them. We have the best work force in the country. I was never sick during my 25 yr service and never had to go on sickness or accident leave. I loved my job. I retired at age 63 yrs in 2008 without any disability. Happy that I had a good pension and good medical for my husband and myself for life. In May 2010 I got breast cancer and had to travel over 200 miles round trip to Huntington Cancer Center. I had 34 radiations and six rounds of chemo and numerous doctor visits now. But thank God I had good medical to help pay for all this, but as you no now I may loose this

and my pension and my husband is disable
we cannot have enough money to pay the
prescription I have to take for five years
let alone other medical needs. I will be
left to die sooner and will never get to
see my 3 yr old great grandson graduate
ever from high school, or college.

Judge Chapman no one knows what a coal
miner has to go thru on their job. We are
good people we all help one another we
make good hourly wages but the cost of
living in the coal fields are higher than
other places. You check the production records
of Peabody, Arch and Patriot. We produced
its not the workers fault because the company
chose to file bankruptcy it wasnt our fault
they couldn't sell the coal. In our area this
is the only industry a family can choose either
welfare or risk your life and health to have
a better life for our families.

I work 12 hrs in Dayton, Ohio in a soap-
factory people in cities do not relize the risks
and hard work a coal miner does each day.
and I'm asking or begging you to please rule
in our favor in this case. Come to W. I'm a
lady a strong person and you are a lady woman
Judge I'll take you on the job and let you see
for yourself what I'm saying is true. We work
for our medical and pension and earn all of it we
don't ask for something we don't deserve. Excuse the long
letter but we need your help and we will be praying for
you no matter what happens. Thank you for your time.
Barbara Lou Harris