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

Dear Honorable Shelly Chapman:

I am a Peabody Coal Company retiree. I have a 31 year work record in the coal mines. I am 81 years old and my spouse is 75 years old. We each have multiple health issues which require several medications as well as routine doctor visits each month. I have COPD, recurrent bronchitis, hypertension, diabetes, under active thyroid, and also been diagnosed by several doctors as having coal miners lung deficiency.(Clinical Black Lung ). No compensation has been made as of yet.

My spouse has diabetes, hypertension, peripheral vascular disease and arthritic problems.

I'm writing to ask you to try to understand the problem we retirees will face without our health care. This health care was promised to us and we have worked many years of our life for this benefit. Without my health care we could not pay for our medical expenses on my small miners' pension.

Please help us be able to keep our health care benefits that was promised to us many years ago. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



George W. Barnett