

The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman

My name is Ralph Parsons. I am a 64 yr. old Coal Miner. I have worked in the mines for almost 34 yrs. It would really hurt if Patriot Coal takes my health insurance and pension

I have had high blood pressure and high cholesterol for 30 yrs. Then about two years ago I starting having trouble walking and trouble with my speech and memory. By July 2011 I had to retire. My doctor send me to Cleveland Clinic in January, 2012 where I was diagnosed with Upper Motor Neuron Disease, possible PLS which could lead to ALS. If I lose my health insurance and pension, which I have worked hard for and was promised, I don't how could afford to go to the doctors or buy my medicine.

Please consider myself and all the other miners and their families who have health problems when making your decision. Thank you very much

Sincerely
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