

To: The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman

Dear Ms Chapman:

My name is Colleen Hansen. I am 84 years old and the widow of UMW member (Patriot Local Union # 1820 - District 12) Vernon L. Hansen, Sr. - deceased 2/18/11.

He had suffered through four different kinds of cancer and many other issues for a 10 year 2 month period from Nov. 2000 through Feb. 2011.

We had wonderful care during those devastating years and our plight would have been much different without our insurance. We have been so grateful for the support received.

As Vernon's widow, I am devastated at what my plight may be without proper insurance coverage.

I am struggling with severe pain regarding arthritis issues.

I have had two knee replacements - two hip replacements and have a stimulator

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implant in my spine to help control the pain of stenosis.

I am living on Social Security and a small pension check from the U.M.W.A.

Our health insurance has been our mainstay and I am fearful about what will happen to me without it.

My husband died feeling confident I would receive the same health care he received.

My husband was a dedicated hard working employee for the Peabody Coal Co. and gave 101 percent of himself to his work. He was proud of his work ethics and felt like he earned his retirement and the comfort of knowing his health needs would be taken care of. He had paid into the plan for over twenty years.

His pension check most certainly could not support us, but gratefully received.

I am in my twilight years, and according to my family physician, I am quite healthy except for my arthritis pain. I am of good sound mind - still drive my car and my doctor claims I could have - perhaps ten years ahead of



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me - but my sleepless nights are spent contemplating my future - the possible loss of my home - loss of insurance and being a burden on my children.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

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A personal note:

My husband and I were married almost 64 years - child hood sweethearts from 8th grade. He was my best friend. I miss him terribly.



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