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The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman
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New York, New York 10004-1408

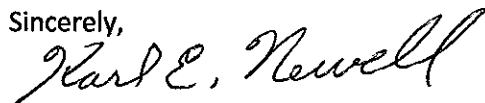
Dear Honorable Shelley C. Chapman,

My name is Karl Newell and I am a UMWA retiree. I am writing to you in regards to the Patriot Coal Bankruptcy. In the past I have had multiply surgeries in my life but since I have retired I have had carpal tunnel repair, back surgery, and a total hip replaced. I have also had two mini strokes. My wife has had triple bypass heart surgery. She also has asthma and suffers with dementia. With these illnesses we take many medications a day. If we would lose our insurance now it would be a serious hardship on us. Due to these illnesses, acquiring new insurance would be extremely difficult and very expensive. This would be very detrimental to us at this time in our lives. I am quite sure there are many other retirees in the same position as I am and many more that are worse off than I.

Before you make your ruling I would urge you to think about what your decision will cost a lot of elderly retirees and the impact it will have on them.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl E. Newell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Karl E. Newell