



To Honorable Shelly C. Chapman,

It is with heavy heart that I have to write this letter, to ask for your help to keep my health care that my wife + I need from Patriot Coal Co., who is filing for Bankruptcy.

We are in declining health in our late 70's (77 + 78) and really need your support in keeping our care.

I have high blood pressure, osteo-arthritis, both knees + left hip replaced.

My wife, Delores, has high B.P., Diabetes, and nerve problems due to death of our daughter 1 yr in Sept. ad a son in 2002 on Easter Sun.

As you can see we need your help.

I am an Army Veteran and worked hard all my life + all help you can give will be appreciated.

Very Truly Yours
Laurin R. Forber