

To The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman,

I am writing in regards to the letter that I received from the United Mine Workers of America telling me that I might be losing my Health Care and Prescription Insurance, that I have had since I was Disabled from Patriot Coal which was Sharples Coal Corporation when I started working in the Sharples, WV area. I am a 64 year old male and I worked in the Coal Industry from 1978 till 1998. I have lung problems from Dust and from inhaling Antifreeze fumes from having to operate a D7 Dozer that had a Heater Core leaking antifreeze into the Cab of the Dozer and yes the Company new the Heater Core was Leaking so I was told to run the Dozer with the doors open, about four or five hours later I became very sick and they had to call a Ambulance. I spent approximately Four Days in Intensive Care Unit at Logan General Hospital with Antifreeze Poisoning from Inhaling the fumes. I have also had a spinal fusion between C6 and C7 with a Metal Plate and Screws. All of my injuries were due to work related injuries

I have a Pain Doctor that I go to three or four times a year for Trigger Point Injections in my neck. The Center for Pain Relief and Doctor Christopher K. Kim, MD is my Pain Doctor and the Injections do help for a little while but does not stop all of the pain but anything that I try to do makes me start hurting and making me sick, so I do very little.

I still have Lung problems in which I am very short of breath and other Medical Problems that require medication and my UMWA Insurance that I have from Patriot Coal takes care of all of them.

My wife has had two Heart Attacks and we have some very serious illnesses and without my UMWA insurance from Patriot Coal, we could not make it.

My wife has a Pacemaker - Defibulator that She has had for Six and One Half Years and has to have it checked and tested by the Doctor twice a year or more.

We both take quite a few Medications that is sent by mail that my UMWA Prescription Insurance takes care of, and without our UMWA Prescription and Health Care insurance it would devastating for us.

If they are allowed to take our Health Care and Prescription Insurance from us, it would be a hardship for us to have to pay full cost for our medications, because we cannot afford to pay for it.

I pray that you allow us to keep our Health Care and Prescription Insurance.
May God Bless You and Yours

Thank you,
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