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Dear Honorable Shelly C. Chapman

I am Mark Snow I am writing you to let you know the position I would be in if I lost my medical card.

I worked for Peabody Coal & EAC for 27 yrs. I have a total of 28 yrs. 27 of them for Peabody all at the same mine Lightfoot #12 I was there when we started this mine. This may sound unbelievable but I never had an unexcused absence & only missed one shift of work being sick in 28 yrs.

Now I am 60 yrs old & My wife is 57 now. We are in our golden years. This may sound golden but it is not. We have a 38 yr old daughter who is handicapped she has a 17 yr. old daughter who also is handicapped they need our care daily so my son in law can work for his family.

I am on several meds, I have high blood, sugar, stomach problems, nerve problems, cholesterol high.

My wife has many health problems too off hand I cant remember all her meds.

I am disabled coal miner UMWA health benefits is all she has. My wife has always been a stay @ home Mom. If I lose my health benefits she will have nothing.

I worked 28 yrs and only drew only 2 weeks of unemployment. I got injured in a mining accident in Feb. of 2002 and wasnt able to go back to work.

Thank you
Mark Snow