

The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman

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Your Honor, My name is Lois Mosley. My husband was Robert L. Mosley, deceased 5-12-2008. He had been employed by Eastern Associated Coal Co, which later became Peabody Coal, for over (26) twenty six years. Working conditions, labor relations, handling of benefits and medical claims was very good while employed by Eastern Associated Coal Co. Upon the arrival of Peabody Coal, Arch Coal and later, Patriot Coal, it was apparent that the main goal was to reduce the benefit package that the U.M.W.A. had bargained for and acquired through collective bargaining. Medical claims and benefits became a hassle from day one.

My husband passed away in May of 2008 of acute lung and heart failure after all those years of labor, working underground for these coal companies. As a surviving spouse, I am 72 years old and my health condition is not good. A failing heart resulted in surgery in 1992. All expenses were covered and paid for by the benefits that my husband worked for and earned through his employment at Eastern Coal. From that time to the present, I receive treatment for a bad heart, blood pressure, a thyroid disease, stomach ailments, cholestrial problems, and a breathing problem. At present, I utilize the aid of a oxygen breathing machine which is

MAINTAINED AT home and used daily. My medical expenses are paid for primarily by Medicare AND Patriot coal Services. My Income AND only means of living is provided by Social Security, and A small U.M.W.A. miners pension. If by some legal maneuver, my medical benefits end up terminated through A bankruptcy procedure, it would be devastating. By the actions and red tape generated by these named coal companies responsible for paying these benefits, I feel strongly that from day one, AND Patriot coal WAS BORN, IT WAS FOR THE SOLE REASON TO FAIL AND TERMINATE the benefits to the retirees AND surviving widows which was promised many years ago. This obvious scam would be very harmful to my self AND many others who are in my situation.

Your Honor, I respectfully appeal to you to MAKE your decision in favor of the U.M.W.A. so that we may engage our fight to retain what is rightfully ours, back in West Virginia where it belongs.

Thank you for your consideration and I am

Respectfully yours,

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