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Honorable Judge Shelley C. Chapman,

My name is Charles Workman. I am 71 years old. I was employed by Eastern Associated Coal Co. On June 30, 1981, I was severely injured on Eastern property while I was working. I got twisted up real bad. I underwent surgery and had to wear a body cast from my pelvis to my neck for nine months. Needless to say, my whole life has been changed tremendously. It seems that every year, my health worsens. Without my medical benefits, I just won't be able to afford to go to the doctor or buy my medications. The rising health care costs, make it so hard to afford anything. I am on heart medication, high blood pressure, sugar, and more. I'm not able to walk out my 220 ft. driveway, to my mailbox without stopping to rest and lean upon something to take pressure off my back, hips & legs.

I am asking for your mercy in this matter. Please, your honor, fix it in your heart to make this coal company keep medical insurance on me and my fellow coal miners who have gotten disabled by making the coal companies

sick, while trying to make a living for our families. I truly loved my job and I begged my doctor to let me return back to work, only to hear him say to me, "Mr. Workman, you will never work another day in your life."

That broke my heart. My accident has also had a great effect on my sleep. I will close for now and I want to thank you for taking time out of your very busy schedule to read my letter and considering my health concerns in your decision.

Yours Very Truly,

Charles E Workman