

Honorable Shelley C. Chapman,

It has come to my attention that information about me may help with the outcome of the coal miners UMWA benefits. In "The Coal Miners Act", Senator Rockefeller introduced legislation and was signed by President Bush in 1992, which stated benefits to be for life.

Please be advised, my survival during retirement depends on maintained benefits. I invested 24 years and 6 months of my life mining coal, as a result of my dedication to UMWA, I have "4th stage Black Lung. Without my funds and benefits the hardship of expenses would be unattainable due to astronomical expenses, therefore all that I have worked for would be lost.

The settlement awarded to me by validation of my health condition with agreeable results of the UMWA should be honored as the settlement stated, benefits for life.

In reference to THE PROMISE in...Mine Workers of America Retiree Health Benefits, which became known as the Coal Commission, which states...

"Retired miners have legitimate expectations of health care benefits for life; that was the PROMISE they received during their working lives, and that is how they planned their retirement years. (umwa.org.)

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Thank you, and good luck in representing coal miners.

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