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To The HONORABLE Shelley C. CHAPMAN

Dear Honorable Chapman

My name is Donald VanCleve. I am a 73 year old retired coal miner from Madisonville, Ky. I worked for 23 years at the River Queen mine in Western Kentucky for Peabody Coal Company. During my employment, I injured my back and had to have back surgery. After River Queen closed, I became unemployed.

At the present time I am now disabled with a fatal lung disease, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, have had four heart by pass surgery and Rheumatoid Arthritis, which required me to have an infusion of Remicade every 8 weeks for daily movement. My wife of 50 years has diabetes, and is also carried under my medical insurance with U.M.R.

I greatly depend on my monthly pension and medical card very much.

Thank you very much for reading my letter

Sincerely
Donald VanCleve