

The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman

Your Honor, I'm writing to state my concerns about losing my Health benefits. I am an ~~eight~~ eight year Vietnam veteran and worked 22 1/2 years underground in the coal mine as my daddy did. I worked hard because of my family and the benefits it was to provide.

I had many close calls with injury and death while in the mines, but I kept working for my family, now I have been battling cancer for 10 years, prostate and bladder cancer, I have to go for check ups every 3 months and I am on other medications for other problems, what really concerns me most is my wife of 43 years. She had cervical cancer and deep vein thrombosis, her leg is very bad, she has diabetes and is on meds, she has to be on blood thinners for the rest of her life which still cost \$90.00 for 90 days what was suppose to be \$5.00 on our benefit card. It's hard to pay any on

a fixed income of Disability. I
don't know what I would do without
the health benefits, I worked so hard
for.

I am a disabled Veteran and
disabled coal miner.

- your Honor

Thank you for
your time

Sincerely Barry Aistrop