

To the Honorable Shelly C. Chapman:

My name is Richard A. Rice. I was a Coal Miner for 37 $\frac{1}{4}$ years. I worked at Peabody Coal Co. Eagle #2 mines. I am a member of Local 1602 of the UMWA.

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and my wife on what it would mean to us to lose our health insurance and pension. We are both in our 60's with quite a few health issues. I have a right knee replacement and need the left knee replaced very soon. I also have spinal problems that may require surgery. I take medication daily for arthritis and high blood pressure. I also wear glasses and hearing aids in both ears.

My wife has severe RA and Osteo arthritis, and fibromyagia. She has psoriasis over most of her body. Due to medication she has developed non-alcoholic Cirrhosis of the liver. Out of 4 stages she is at the end of stage 2 on the verge of stage 3. She also wears hearing aids in both ears.

When my job was finished in 2006 I was not able to go anywhere else to work due to health reasons.

The Honorable [Name] [Title]

Dear [Name]:

I am writing to you regarding [Topic].

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I worked for Peabody Coal Co. the entire time I worked in the coal industry. All of our ~~Contracts~~ Contracts was with Peabody Coal Co. not with Patriot Coal Co. Patriot Coal Co. was formed in 2007 ~~to~~ to do exactly what they are doing now with the bankruptcy. All of our Contracts with Peabody Coal promised us our health and retirement for the rest of our lives.

Honorable Judge Chapman I hope you see on the side of the UMWA because this effects so many retirees and their families.

Thank you.

Richard A. Beil

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