

October 2, 2012

Dear Honorable Shelley C. Chapman,

My name is Darrell Moore. I am 69 years old. I was in the coal mines for 21 years. My health is deteriorating from the years I have spent in the mines, trying to make a living to support my family.

I am on oxygen all the time and have been for about 4 years, because I now have Black Lung from working in the coal mines along with asthma, emphysema/COPD, and deteriorating lungs. Not to mention, I usually get pneumonia at least once a year (even though I get the pneumonia shot) and end up in the hospital.

I also have fibromyalgia, swelling of the ankles, and a recurring aneurysm on my aorta.

What time that is left in my life is depended on my UMWA health insurance and retirement from the mines.

I chose to work in the mines,

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but it was because I needed to provide for my family. And, now, with everything going on with the mines going bankrupt and not wanting to take care of the ones, like me, who made them what they were, then where does this put old miners, like me? Out in the cold, without a coat.

I don't have alot left in my life, but what little I do, please don't take it away too. I'm not asking just for myself, but for all the coal miners, that put their lives on the line everyday in these big black holes with one way in and one way out just to make a living for their families.

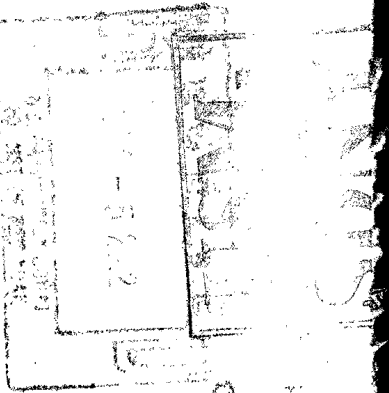
And, now they are wanting to take it all away. This is just not right, when we (the coal miners) have given them our all and now, they are wanting to give us nothing in return.

May our Lord God Bless You
and help you when you make
your decision on this matter.

God Bless,

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