

Dear Judge Chapman,

My name is Willard Key, and I am writing to you on behalf of the United Mine Workers Union. I am a retired coal miner, having worked for Peabody Coal for 38 yrs. I retired in 1973. I am 81 years old and my wife is 76 years old. We both live on my UMW's pension and Social Security.

We have had several medical problems for both of us in the last few years. I have had both shoulders replaced due to arthritis and had quadruple bypass surgery. My wife fell several years ago on our stairs to the basement and injured her back to where she now can not get around without a walker. 3 years ago she had a stroke that robbed her of memory and has difficulty understanding things now. My wife is mostly unable to get out of the bed for more than a few minutes at a time. We are both on many medications now.

If we lost our pension and medical insurance we would be in very big trouble. I worked for many years and stood with the union and the company when they said our retirement would be there when we needed it. Now they are trying to get out of their part of the bargain. I worked and saved for our retirement believing in the contracts that were signed when I was working. Don't let the coal mine owners go back on their agreement.

Thank You, Willard Key

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