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Honorable Shelley C. Chapman
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Judge Chapman:

This letter is in reference to the Peabody, Arch, Patriot case. I worked for the coal company for 32 years. During this time I was a member of the United Mine Workers, District 12. The obligations that were made to the union and myself are crucial to my well being. I would like to share with you how extensive a hardship would be imposed on me if the commitments that were made are revoked.

I suffer from pulmonary fibrosis and have been diagnosed with anthracosis (black lung). I have never smoked and the only cause of my condition is exposure during my time in the mines. I am on oxygen 24 hours a day and have to receive extensive medical care.

I am on a fixed income and without the promised medical supplement that helps pay for non-medicaid expenses it is not possible for me to continue the oxygen and drug treatments that I depend on.

I ask you to please consider my situation along with the thousands of other workers who devoted ourselves to the mines. Our goal is only to receive what was promised.

Sincerely,



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