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Honorable Judge Chapman,

I am the daughter of James and Ellen Bethel. My father was a member of the United Mine Workers of America until his death in 2004. My father worked in the cold mines from a very young age and because of working in the cold mines he had many different illness. After his death my mother started to receive partial benefits because she never worked out side of the home. My mother is 93 years old and she has cancer, glaucoma as well as being a diabetic.

The benefits she receives help to keep her in her home where I can take care of her.

My father went in the cold mines every day, putting his life in danger so she could be taken care of the rest of her life. This is what they promised they would do, so please help my mother as well as all those retirees and their widows keep their benefits.

I am my mothers caretaker and I don't get paid these benefits are to help her stay where she will be taken care of with love and not mistreated some place else.

Sincerely,


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