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Honorable Shelley C. Chapman  
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Honorable Chapman:

I worked for Peabody Coal Co. at the camp complex in Morganfield Ky. for 27 years. The Camp Complex consisted of three mines. Camp 1, Camp 2, Camp 11 and also the preparation plant where they washed the coal. These were all underground mines. I worked at Camp 1. These mines I believe were in operation for thirty four years.

During my mining career, tonnage records were made, and also were broken. While we were young and in our prime, and capable of achieving such accomplishments, we were truly assets to Peabody Coal. Peabody in return down through the years gave us stuff, such as pocket knives and knife sets, mugs, jackets & coats, binoculars, picnics, porkchop dinners, barbecue dinners sent underground and meal tickets to Cracker Barrel for clean coal runs. These gifts were appreciated.

When the mine shut down, most of us were around fifty-three yrs of age, not old enough to draw our pension.

I'll turn sixty-three in November. (Lord willing)  
I like many other miners have many medical  
issues from working in the mine all those years.

I myself have backlung, back problems and  
knee problems from crawling around.

My breathing still continues to worsen, even  
though I'm not around the coal dust anymore.  
I'm starting to cough now at nights while trying  
to sleep.

Since we've all got older, and are now old  
broken down men, Peabody Coal has forgotten  
about all the billions of dollars us old men  
have made them in years past. Now we're  
looked at as just being a liability.

Please don't let this be so.

I thank you for your time to hear our voices, as  
we fight for fairness in the workplace.

Sincerely,

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