

Oct. 2, 2012

The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman

This letter is in reference to the recent bankruptcy filing of Patriot Coal Co. My Husband worked 40 yrs. in the coal mines, he died in 1994. Without his good health care he would have died way before then. He was working when he had a massive stroke in 1977. He was a strong union coal miner and worked hard to raise 3 kids and make a pension for us, without it and his health card card I could not survive. I only go to the doctor when I have to, maybe 2 times a year but I want peace of mind that if I do have to go, the miners benefits will take care of me.

This is so wrong what the coal company is trying to do to our miners. I am a 86 yrs. old widow but I am not able to make the trips to New York, but my kids will do what they can, we all hope the hearing is held in Charleston WV where it should be. I hope that the UMWA can do all they can to save our pension and health care. I still pay my union dues even though my husband died 18 yrs ago.

Widow of Leonard D. Lowery Dorothy Lowery

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