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Dear Ms. Chapman,

I am writing on behalf not only for myself but for everyone who has worked or is currently working in the mines. I was a coal miner in Southern Illinois working for Peabody. I was a dedicated employee for almost eleven years. Unfortunately, I was injured in a mining accident which left me disabled and unable to work. I cannot work as the accident crushed my right ankle and I have to use a cane to walk. On some days, the pain is tolerable and on other days it can be unbearable.

The job that all coal miners have is very important and vital not only to our communities but also for our livelihood. Without my pension from the mines, I would not be able to attend my doctor appointments or have my medications filled. As this is my only source of income, I am sure you can understand my apprehension regarding my benefits. If I don't have my insurance, there is no possible way I could meet my physical and financial needs.

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Please take into account not only what it would mean if I lost all of my benefits but for all of the coal miners who risk their lives everyday. I count on my pension and hope you will be compassionate to the needs of present and previous coal miners. Please think seriously before making a decision regarding the benefits that we have earned and our families have earned. I feel that I am entitled to keep my benefits.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Happold