

James A. Brantley
349 Chapman Rd
Waverly, Ky. 40362
Highland Mine #9

Dear Honorable Kathy A. Sumratt-States,

My name is James A. Brantley and I have been working for Patriot - Peabody Coal Co. for 31 years. I started working for Peabody Coal Co. in 1973 and in 1992 the mine I was working in shut down and I was laid off. In 2003 I was called to work at Highland Mine #9 which is owned by Patriot - Peabody Coal Co. I went back to increase my pension pay but mostly to keep my medical card after retirement.

My wife is now battling stage 3 breast cancer and had one breast removed. She is currently undergoing chemo treatments and after 5 more she will start radiation for eight weeks. With the security of having the medical card it would be easier to face her future health problems.

Sincerely,
James A. Brantley
District 12
Local Union 1793

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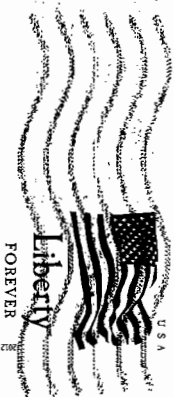
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