

October 3, 2012

To The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman,

I am a retired miner with 35 years of service to the coal industry. My years of service are just a brief description of the many years I worked seven days a week with all the overtime I could work, with great dedication to my employer. These were years of hard labor that has taken a toll on my body. I worked hard to be able to provide insurance for my wife and I, which we now stand to lose.

I currently take medications for high blood pressure and cholesterol, as well as for my prostate. I also have spinal stenosis that causes me great discomfort and possibly future further medical intervention. A few years before my retirement I also sustained an injury to my knees when they were pinned down by a piece of the longwall ceiling after it collapsed. That accident resulted in subsequent surgery for a torn meniscus, but I still have issues that will lead to an impending knee replacement.

In regard to my wife, she also takes medication for high blood pressure and cholesterol, as well as being dependent for the rest of her life on cortisone and thyroid medications after having a pituitary tumor removed about six

years ago. She also had a knee replacement performed one week ago, and has just started physical therapy to begin the healing process.

As you can see we are an aging couple who depends on their medical coverage, and the combined cost of \$1800.00 per three months for our medications would be a great burden. As I previously stated, I was very dedicated to my employer to whom I gave more than my expected time and effort, and I feel I have at least earned the right to my UMWA medical coverage. Please take into consideration myself and my fellow hard working miners and vote in our favor when it is time to make your decision in regard to Patriot Coal's bankruptcy.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Layman
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