

TO HONORABLE SHELLEY C. CHAPMAN

I'm writing this letter not because I want to, but because I have to.

I worked for 34 years for Peabody Coal. The mines I worked at opened in 1966 and closed in 2000. That's 44 years, and all those years Peabody told us they never made any money.

Well everybody knows that's a lie, and there selling you a lie to. If a coal miner with a twelve year education can see it, surely you can too. Peabody came up with this spinoff to get out of its obligation to the working men and woman who risked their lives every day so they could have a good income and healthcare. If Peabody pulls this off they will bankrupt me. My healthcare includes a family doctor who treats me for high blood pressure I take 4 medications for that.

A cardiologist who treats me for  
5 stents in my heart, a Gastroenterology  
doctor who treats me with 2 medicines  
for Acid Reflux and I have to be scoped  
regularly for signs of cancer, A orthopedic  
doctor that treats me for degenerative  
disc in my neck, Results from An  
Accident in the mines, Another doctor  
treats me for nerve damage in my  
ears, And I need Hearing Aides  
Results from noise in the mines.

My wife has Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Her shots (once weekly) cost \$2,200  
a month, She treated for A-Fib,  
High Blood Pressure and Acid Reflux,  
In all she takes 7 medications  
and sees 4 different doctors.

Please take this into consideration  
when you look at all the facts.

Peabody sold us out and they have  
no conscience about doing it. They  
have put the burden on you. Seems  
like Peabody's getting good at getting

Responsibility's off their shoulders.  
~~if~~ Don't let them by with this  
thousands of lives will be destroyed.

Yours truly

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