

October 10, 2012

The Honorable Shelly C. Chapman
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RE: Steve Sobolewski
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Dear Honorable Chapman:

My name is Steve Sobolewski. I am 82 years old. For several years I have been diagnosed with several serious illnesses including spinal stenosis, prostate problems, bladder cancer, glaucoma, high blood pressure and arthritis. Due to these serious illnesses, I have undergone four major surgeries. The costs of the operations, prescriptions, and postoperative treatments have been estimated at more than \$200,000.00. Presently, I am on a fixed income with a small pension and social security. I have no sizeable assets and I would be unable to pay for these medical costs. I worked for Eastern/Patriot Coal Company for 35 years and I was promised health care as an employee and as a retiree.

My prayer is that any legal ruling would show compassion and that the decision of the court would hold the company to its promise to maintain health care for its retirees.

I appreciate your time in this matter.

Sincerely,



Steve Sobolewski