

October 11, 2012

The Honorable Shelly C. Chapman  
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Courtroom 621  
New York, NY 10004-1408

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I both worked a long time in the coal mines. Coal mining is a proud part of our heritage in this area. It means a lot to the people around here. It provides us with health care, benefits, and decent pay. It is what most of us know. My husband and I both worked in the coal mines for 14 years. Before going to work in the mines my husband had been called to go to Vietnam. While he was there he was exposed to Agent Orange. Though he worked for those 14 years he died when he was only 36 due to being exposed, not from the mines. He suffered tremendously. I on the other hand was hurt in the mines and do currently have black lung; also 2 years ago I was diagnosed with Colon Cancer. After being hurt I was unable to go back to work and I now receive Disability.

We gave the best years of our life working for a living and our benefits. Now a few or more people in the government want to take it away. Why? You all for the most part never worked it. I pray that you all never go through what you are wanting and are going to put us through. I know this story probably does not mean anything to you, but for this widow woman and her son with his conditions it does. When need our health care without it I don't know what we will do.

To God this does matter and I know because he cares. I speak in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, that our insurance not be taken away or cut back. We are praying that God moves on this situation. I hope and pray you ALL will have a little compassion for us and those in my situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joyce Smith

MAY GOD BLESS YOU

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