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Your Honor,

I am a forty two year member Mine Workers of America. I am now a retiree drawing my pension and health benefits. I will be sixty two years old in May of this year. I spend my spare time doing free electrician work for the elderly. I have very good knowledge of our contract between the UMWA and coal companies, that is why I am confused that Peabody coal company thinks that they have the right to not hold up their end of our agreement. I started working as a union coal miner in 1971, I remember and still have every contract since then. Most of the contracts we the UMWA, accepted little or no pay raises to keep our benefit of health care as retirees. The ironic part of this is, that the coal companies after contract negotiations all agreed and signed the contract before the rank and file members had it read to them. At the age of 65 we, the UMWA members have to sign up and pay for Medicare at which time the coal companies become our secondary health coverage. So at that time the coal companies cost should go way down. I have black lung and only 20% of my hearing and have worn hearing aids for over 20 years. If I lose my benefits who would hire someone in my condition. Many pensioners are worse off than me, so I hope when you make your decision you put yourself in our shoes and make Peabody hold up to their obligations.

Thank you, Sincerely Rich Gyorkov

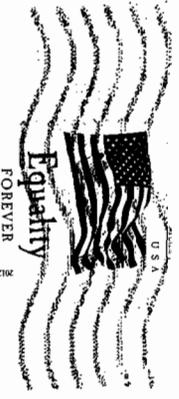
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