



To: The Honorable Shelly C. Chapman

My name is Johnny Burgess.
I'm a disabled Coal Miner of
25 yrs. service. I became disabled
while working for Arch Coal Co.
My benefits were switched to
Magnum Coal then Patriot Coal
where I never worked for these
Companies. I worked very hard in
my life time for the Companies
with ~~some~~ guarantee that I would
be entitled to health care for me
& my family. I was guarantee
a Pension if I became disabled
or retired. I worked 7 years on
my knees every night in 32" to
40" Coal. I have had neck surgery
and need a surgery on my
lower back now. But I live with
the pain because surgeries don't
always help, they say I'll lose
10% or more of my movement in
my lower back. I have several
bulging disk and also have other
medical conditions that need doctor
care. I'm 57 yrs. old and need my
Medical Card and my Pension,
My Wife has no other insurance
so she relies on my Medical Card.
She has two values in her heart
that is leaking and needs constant

doctor Evaluation. So please do
what is right and protect what
we were promised all those years.
You know this is not right, if
you let this happen to us who is next?
I'm a 3rd generation miner, my
son is a 4th generation miner.

Thank You,

Johnny Burgess