

I retired from Peabody in 1999. At the time of my early retirement, we were told that if we took an early retirement our health benefits would be guaranteed for life. If I die my wife was also to have benefits as long as she doesn't remarry. We need our insurance really badly. We are both in our sixties now and both have health problems. I have had open heart surgery and recently had stints put in. I also have diabetes and am on insulin. My wife has a bad back and has had surgeries. I am only asking for what we were promised by Patriot Coal and Peabody. They asked me to take an early retirement and promised me insurance for life for my family. It would cause us to lose everything if we had to pay large amounts for medical care. We live on a budget now, and don't know how we would be able to make

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it or less. We truly
hope you can under-
stand our position.

Sincerely
Wm. Edmanson
and family