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The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman
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I graduated from high school in June of 1972. I started working in the mines in July 1972, Having worked through good and bad times, I retired at the end of Feb 2009, after 36½ years of underground mining. I retired due to failing health (severe complicated pneumococosis) to which I do not receive any federal Black Lung assistance or benefits.

To lose my health care would be devastating and would financially impair myself & family livelihood. We were promised this health care through the years of our umwa and coal operators agreements.

This doesn't seem fair to lose it now when it is needed the most. As my Black-lung illness progresses, I will need my health care benefits even more. I ask you to please consider the health benefits for each & everyone of my umwa, brothers & sisters.

Sincerely,
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