

Dear Member of Congress,

I am a United Miners Workers of America (UMWA) retiree/widow. I am writing to ask that you support passage of S. 2788, the Bipartisan American Miners Act, H.R. 934, the Health Care for Miners Act, and H.R. 935, the Miners Pension Protection Act.

It is important that these bills are passed immediately. Some 1,200 retired coal miners from two companies that went bankrupt in 2018, Mission and Westmoreland Coal, will lose their health care at the end of this year if H.R. 934 is not passed. I know you can imagine the tremendous pressure and uncertainty these senior citizens are facing at this point. Congress must act to provide relief.

Murray Energy, the last major contributing employer to the UMWA 1974 Pension Plan just filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on October 29, 2019. This set in motion the likelihood that another 13,000 retirees will be at risk of losing their retiree health care and the likelihood of significant cuts to retirees' pensions within a matter of months if Congress does not act now.

I am asking that you support passage of these bills for myself, my family, my community and the tens of thousands of retirees across the United States who are at risk of losing their retiree health care and pensions if Congress does not act now.

Sincerely,