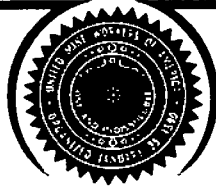


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Dear Brother McCann:

On behalf of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), I am pleased to inform you that after five years, the hard work and sacrifice by so many to secure lifetime health care benefits for UMWA retirees and their families has been rewarded. The culmination of these efforts came when Congress passed and the President signed House Resolution 244, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017. That bill contained language guaranteeing the health care UMWA members had earned as a result of their work in the Nation's mines.

While I am writing this letter to inform you of that significant event, the most important message I need to convey is the gratitude of the UMWA for your support and dedication in this struggle. We could not have achieved our goal without individuals such as you who were willing to support these retirees and their families. You have truly helped lead this struggle by example.

With this phase of the battle coming to a close, I know I can count on your continued support to the preserve pension benefits earned by over 89,000 retired coal miners and their surviving spouses. Action on that issue must begin immediately.

I would ask that you take a moment and reflect on the impact you have made on the lives of so many people. For the first time in nearly five years literally thousands of UMWA retirees, their widows and family members are finally able to rest easy because you were there to fight for them. Your selfless action on behalf of these individuals demonstrates the depth of your compassion and the dedication in your heart. May God Bless You.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cecil E. Roberts".

Cecil E. Roberts

cc: Robert J. Scaramozzino, International Secretary-Treasurer  
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