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THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL

TONIGHT, AT 12:48 AM, I WILL BOARD THE NEW AMTRAK HILLTOPPER TRAIN AT TRI-STATE STATION NEAR HUNTINGTON. THE HILLTOPPER, WHICH REPLACES THE MOUNTAINEER ROUTE, WILL BEGIN PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE TONIGHT.

I AM PLEASED THAT AMTRAK HAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE THIS MUCH-NEEDED TRAIN FOR SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA, AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO ALL OF THOSE WHO ASSISTED IN THE EFFORTS TO KEEP THE TRAIN RUNNING.

I AM HOPEFUL, HOWEVER, THAT AMTRAK WILL PROMOTE THIS NEW ROUTE WHICH NOW TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON D.C., AS I SUGGESTED IN A LETTER TO SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ADAMS LAST FEBRUARY.

IF AGGRESSIVE MARKETING TECHNIQUES ARE FOLLOWED, AND POSSIBLY A NEW TIME TABLE, THE HILLTOPPER WILL BE A SUCCESS.

AS A PASSENGER ON TONIGHT'S INAUGURAL TRIP, I WILL MAKE STOPS IN WILLIAMSON AT 3:05 AM, IN WELCH AT 4:55 AM, AND IN BLUEFIELD AT 6:25 AM.

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