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THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL

I HAVE JUST INTRODUCED LEGISLATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT WOULD PROTECT FLOOD DISASTER VICTIMS FROM HAVING THEIR S.S.I. BENEFITS REDUCED OR TERMINATED.

UNDER PRESENT LAW, INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE S.S.I. BENEFITS, AND HAVE ALSO RECEIVED SOME TYPE OF DISASTER ASSISTANCE, ARE NOW HAVING THEIR S.S.I. BENEFITS CUT OR TERMINATED.

I BELIEVE THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT GIVING WITH ONE HAND, AND TAKING AWAY WITH THE OTHER.

THE MAJORITY OF S.S.I. RECIPIENTS IN THE FLOOD REGIONS OF SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA, ARE THE LOW-INCOME ELDERLY, THE BLIND AND THE DISABLED, AND I BELIEVE THESE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO SUFFER FURTHER BECAUSE OF THE FLOOD.

I AM CONFIDENT, CONGRESS WILL TAKE QUICK ACTION ON MY MEASURE, AS THEY DID IN LOWERING THE DISASTER LOAN INTEREST RATES.

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL

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