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Washington D.C. --- The following is a statement by U.S. Representative Nick J. Rahall (D-4th):

"As the U.S. Representative from the Fourth Congressional District of West Virginia, I am deeply concerned over the strike by coal miners in southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky.

I am also greatly troubled by the effect the strike is having on the economy of our State and the ramifications it may have on our national economy.

I do not support the strike, however I believe very strongly in the rights of every American citizen to peaceably assemble and to petition the Government with their grievances.

As an elected public official, sworn to uphold the Constitution, I feel it would be irresponsible of me to outright condemn the miner's decision to come to Washington, and since many of them are my constituents, I will meet with them when they arrive.

I recognize that to an extent this is an internal union matter. However, when the lives of an entire state are being affected, responsible public officials should not sit back and watch."