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# Nick Rahall

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Washington D.C. --- U.S. Representative Nick J. Rahall (D-4th), has co-sponsored legislation that would end the bias toward retirement of many Americans at the age of 65.

"I believe the experience and ability of older Americans is a resource that our Nation cannot allow to go untapped," Rahall said.

"Age 65 must not be an arbitrary test of whether an individual can still contribute to society," Congressman Rahall went on to say.

Rahall has sponsored a bill that would provide for an annual 6 2/3% increase in Social Security benefits for those persons between the ages of 65 and 72 who voluntarily choose to delay their receipt of such benefits.

Rahall pointed out that under current social security law, individuals are literally forced to retire at age 65.

"This bill would give freedom of choice to older Americans," Rahall observed. "Disinvolvement from the mainstream of life has a terrible impact on many retirees."

This legislation would give individuals maximum flexibility under the social security system by allowing their benefits to increase annually up to age 72 by the same percentage as benefits are now reduced for early retirement.

An identical measure has been introduced in the Senate and has received wide bi-partisan support. The bill's chief sponsor in the House of Representatives is Rep. Thomas Evans, Jr (R-Del.).

Rahall concluded, "I am confident that this measure will receive extensive consideration by Congress, because it removes the barriers which now exist against those who wish to remain on the job."

This proposal to assist the nation's older Americans, was discussed by Congressman Rahall on many occasions in his campaigns and recent Towne Hall meetings.

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