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CONGRESSMAN

Nick Rahall

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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Washington D.C. --- Fourth District Congressman Nick Rahall today followed through on a pledge he made last October, to appoint Citizen Advisory Committees in each of the eight counties that make up the Fourth Congressional District.

"I have always believed that it is an elected representative's responsibility to keep his constituents informed of his action on their behalf," Rahall said. "But the people can also keep the representative up-to-date on any projects or problems in their area, where federal assistance may be helpful. And that is my reason for these Advisory Committees," the Raleigh County Democrat said, "to stay in touch."

Congressman Rahall pointed out that around 500 Fourth District residents will be contacted by letter to serve on one of the eight Committees. "The residents I have asked to participate, will be able to give me advice on legislation affecting not only West Virginia, but the entire nation."

Rahall went on to say, "These people will make sure the needs of the Fourth District are recognized, and will help me encourage and assist local communities obtain federal projects."

In his letter to the prospective members, Rahall stated that he would like the Committees to provide him with the, "names of students interested in competing for appointments to any one of the Service Academies."

"We want the best possible young people attending our nation's military academies," Rahall said. "Their selection should be made on their qualifications, not on what politician their families know."

"I want to bring the people back into the decision-making process," Congressman Rahall stated. "Through these Citizen Advisory Committees, Towne Hall meetings and my frequent visits back to the District, I plan to carry out this commitment."