

# Congressman Nick Rahall

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Charleston, West Virginia --- Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, (D-WV), today announced his candidacy for re-election to the United States House of Representatives, stating that he, "Enthusiastically looks forward to the challenges of the coming years."

Rahall in filing for office with the Secretary of State, said, "I am seeking re-election with both pride and satisfaction because I strongly believe that the residents of southern West Virginia have received the first-class representation that they deserve."

Congressman Rahall was accompanied by his wife, Helen; daughter Rebecca, age 3; and son Nicky Joe III, age 9 months.

In citing some of his major accomplishments since taking office last January, Congressman Rahall pointed out, "I sponsored legislation that meant \$30 million in Federal funds for local West Virginia community projects; played a major role in formulating the final version of the strip mining bill; saw to it that the interest rates on S.B.A. disaster loans were reduced in the aftermath of last April's flooding."

"I am proud of these accomplishments," Rahall said, "but I am fully aware of what has to be done in the coming months: final passage of the Black Lung Reform Act, improved roads and highways through the Federal Highway Act of 1978, legislation to protect the New River Gorge, flood protection for the Tug Fork Valley, and construction of the East End Huntington Bridge."

In conclusion, Congressman Rahall pledged to continue to be a strong voice for the people of southern West Virginia.

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STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL (D-WV4) 1/5/77

Today I am announcing my candidacy for re-election to the United States House of Representatives.

I do so with both pride and satisfaction, for, in representing the Fourth Congressional District of West Virginia, I have learned a great deal more about the people of this area -- their character, their needs, and the special qualities that distinguish them. Therefore, through my work in Congress I strongly believe that the residents of southern West Virginia have received the first-class representation that they deserve.

For example, as a member of the House Public Works Committee, I sponsored legislation that meant \$30 million dollars in Federal funds for local community projects. Projects like the courthouse renovation in Cabell County, a sanitary landfill in McDowell County, and a city hall extension in Kenova.

As the only Member of Congress from West Virginia to sit in the House-Senate Conference Committee that wrote the final version of the Strip Mining Bill, I saw to it that the measure would not only make West Virginia coal more competitive with other states, but that it would also protect the natural beauty of our Appalachian mountains.

The bill which I introduced, and that was signed into law by President Carter to lower Small Business Disaster Loans, has provided home owners and small businessmen with a much needed boost to their rebuilding efforts in the aftermath of last April's flood.

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I enthusiastically look forward to these challenges and due to my unique position on two of the most important Committees in Congress, Public Works and Transportation Committee and the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, I pledge to continue to be a strong voice for the people of southern West Virginia.