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CONGRESSMAN

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Washington D.C. --- Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, (D-WV), is urging residents of southern West Virginia to participate in a "grassroots investigation" of the federal regulatory process by calling the Forum on Regulation (FOR) Telethon.

Rahall pointed out that, "West Virginia can express their opinions by calling FOR's Toll-Free number (800-368-8050), Sept. 12 and 13 between noon and 4pm E.D.T. A total of 25 toll-free telephone lines will be available to callers anywhere in the continental United States.

Congressman Rahall will be one of the several panelists monitoring the phones in Washington during the two-day session. He will be joined by other Members of Congress, leading regulatory officials, representatives of the academic community, as well as spokesmen for a broad range of private and public interests.

Congressman Rahall will be answering calls from noon to 1 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

"The purpose of this effort," Rahall explained, "is to involve the broadest possible cross-section of the American people in determining what's working, what isn't and why."

Rahall went on to say, "This telethon carries through on a strong belief I have, to bring the people more in touch with the government and how it operates."

Callers will be asked to respond to a special questionnaire to determine an overall reading of opinion on the subject. Results will be tabulated immediately after the program is completed, and present to top decision-makers." (SAMPLE IS ATTACHED)

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CITIZEN'S AUDIT

Congress is now considering a number of important issues about which the public's needs, wishes, and priorities need to be determined. By answering this short questionnaire, you can register your views and opinions on these issues. It is important that everyone who receives this questionnaire answer it, so that all opinions — and not only those of some people — are recorded. To make sure your opinion is counted, please mail this back today.

A report on this survey will be given to Congress for its information when considering proposed new laws. The results will be issued in a statistical form, and all individual answers will be kept strictly confidential.

For each question, just place an (x) next to the one answer that best represents your opinion.

1. In general, do you think you are better off, or worse off, as a result of Federal regulations now in effect regarding:

	Better Off ¹	No Difference ²	Worse Off ³	Can't Say ⁴
a. Food and drugs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Schools and education?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Working conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Water and air pollution?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Hiring and employment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Advertising, packaging and labeling?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. How businesses are run and operated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Do you think the Federal government is or is not, doing enough to inform people like yourself about regulations that affect them?

☐ Doing enough OR ☐ Not doing enough ☐ Can't say

3. In your opinion, are most Federal regulations:

a. <input type="checkbox"/> Really needed,	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Not really needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Can't say
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Working the way they're supposed to,	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Not working the way they're supposed to	<input type="checkbox"/> Can't say
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Practical and well thought out,	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Not practical and badly thought out	<input type="checkbox"/> Can't say
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Simple and easy to understand,	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Complicated and confusing	<input type="checkbox"/> Can't say
e. <input type="checkbox"/> Based on up-to-date information,	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Based on out-of-date information	<input type="checkbox"/> Can't say
f. <input type="checkbox"/> Fair to the people affected by them,	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Not fair to the people affected by them	<input type="checkbox"/> Can't say

4. How confident are you that when new Federal regulations are issued they are based on proven facts?

☐ Very Confident ☐ Somewhat confident ☐ Not confident ☐ Can't say

5. How confident are you that new Federal regulations are issued without unnecessary delay if a need has been proven?

☐ Very confident ☐ Somewhat confident ☐ Not confident ☐ Can't say

6. In general, do you think Federal regulations are enforced too strictly, or not strictly enough?

☐ Too strictly ☐ About right ☐ Not strictly enough ☐ Can't say

7. In general, do you think Federal regulations have too much or too little detail?

☐ Too much detail ☐ About right ☐ Too little detail ☐ Can't say

8. In your opinion, how often is the cost of developing and enforcing Federal regulations justified by their benefits?

☐ Most of the time ☐ About half the time ☐ Seldom ☐ Can't say

9. In your opinion, how much of the paper work required by most Federal regulations is necessary?

☐ Almost all ☐ More than half ☐ About half ☐ Less than half ☐ Almost none ☐ Can't say

10. What is your opinion regarding the effect of government regulations today compared with 20 years ago:

- Are most products safer, or not as safe, than they would be without these regulations?
☐ Safer ☐ Not as safe ☐ No effect on safety ☐ Can't say
- Do most products cost more, or cost less, than they would without these regulations?
☐ Cost more ☐ Cost less ☐ No effect on cost ☐ Can't say
- Are working conditions safer and healthier, or not as safe and healthy, than they would be without these regulations?
☐ Safer and healthier ☐ Not as safe and healthy ☐ No effect on safety and health ☐ Can't say
- To what extent, if at all, do you think business firms are losing money or going out of business as a result of these regulations?
☐ A great extent ☐ Some extent ☐ A little ☐ Not at all ☐ Can't say

11. Which do you think should be more important when deciding whether the costs of a regulation are worth it:

☐ How the regulation will affect prices, wages and employment, OR ☐ How the regulation will affect such things as the environment, safety and health ☐ Can't say

12. What ideas or suggestions do you have to improve Federal regulations?
