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CONGRESSMAN

# Nick Rahall

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESS-  
MAN NICK J. RAHALL, POINTED OUT THAT, "SINCE ITS' INCEPTION IN 1965,  
THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION HAS PUMPED OVER \$28 MILLION INTO  
SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA TO IMPROVE EVERY FACET OF LIFE, FROM HEALTH  
AND EDUCATION, TO TRANSPORTATION AND RECREATION."

MAKING THE REMARKS IN REFERENCE TO HIS SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION  
WHICH REAUTHORIZES THE A.R.C. THROUGH 1981, RAHALL EXPLAINED THAT,  
"THE A.R.C. HAS NOT ONLY HELPED INDIVIDUALS, IT HAS SPURRED THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS TOTALING OVER \$1.1 BILLION."

RAHALL OBSERVED, "AS A NATIVE OF SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA, I AM  
WELL AWARE THAT SINCE 1965, THE POVERTY LEVEL HAS DECREASED 55 PERCENT.  
ONE MILLION JOBS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE REGION AND PER CAPITA INCOME  
HAS RISEN TO OVER 85 PERCENT OF THE NATION AVERAGE."

"KNOWING THE PROBLEMS OF 15 YEARS AGO, I KNOW THAT TODAY, MUCH  
OF THE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE COME ABOUT BECAUSE THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL  
COMMISSION WAS ONE OF THE DRIVING FORCES," RAHALL STATED.

HR 2063, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS ACT OF 1979,  
HAS BEEN PASSED BY BOTH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE.  
RAHALL, AS A SPONSOR OF THE BILL OBSERVES, "I AM HOPEFUL THAT BOTH  
HOUSES OF CONGRESS CAN REACH AGREEMENT ON A FINAL VERSION OF THIS  
MEASURE SOMETIME EARLY NEXT YEAR."

THE A.R.C. HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS PROGRAMS OVER THE PAST  
15 YEARS IN SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA. SOME OF THESE PROJECTS IN YOUR  
AREA ARE LISTED BELOW:

## MCDOWELL COUNTY

McDowell Health Center  
Welch Extended Care Facility  
House in Keystone, Kimball, Northfork  
Dry Fork Health Clinic  
Tri-District Community Health Clinic  
McDowell Public Health Center  
Gary Swimming Pool

## MERCER COUNTY

Bluefield State College Science Building  
Tuberculosis Control Program  
Princeton Community Hospital  
Southern West Virginia Mental Health Program  
Mercer County Health Center  
Bluefield Public Library  
Matoka Water System  
Mercer County Airport  
Princeton Sewer System  
Green Valley/Glenwood Water System