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## RAHALL ANNOUNCES MAJOR COAL MEETING TO BE HELD

WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, HAS ANNOUNCED THE SCHEDULING OF A MASS MEETING OF COAL MINERS, COAL OPERATORS, INTERNATIONAL UNION OFFICIALS, AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON D.C. ON NOVEMBER 1.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL, CO-HOST OF THE EVENT, ALONG WITH CONGRESSMAN JOHN P. MURTHA OF PENNSYLVANIA, IS IN THE PROCESS OF INVITING SOME 400 PARTICIPANTS FROM MAJOR COAL PRODUCING STATES, SUCH AS: WEST VIRGINIA, PENNSYLVANIA, OHIO, KENTUCKY, AND ALABAMA.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING," REP. MURTHA POINTED OUT, "IS TO MAKE THE NATION AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE COAL INDUSTRY AS THEY SEEK TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION OF COAL."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STRESSED, "IF THE UNITED STATES IS EVER TO BECOME ENERGY INDEPENDENT, THE ROAD-BLOCKS TO EXPANDED COAL USE AND PRODUCTION MUST BE DONE AWAY WITH, NOW."

"THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE PAYING EXORBITANT ENERGY BILLS, AND THEY WANT TO KNOW, WHY NOT COAL?" RAHALL POINTED OUT.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10AM, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, IN ROOM 345 OF THE CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL EXPLAINED, "WITH COAL BEING OUR MOST ABUNDANT DOMESTIC FUEL, WITH COAL COSTING ALMOST ONE-HALF THE PRICE OF IMPORTED OIL, AND WITH TECHNOLOGY NOW AVAILABLE TO BURN COAL CLEANLY, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT BE PRODUCING AND USING MORE COAL."

RAHALL CONCLUDED, "ONLY A STRONG COMBINED EFFORT, WILL BRING ABOUT POSITIVE RESULTS FOR COAL, AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THIS MEETING WILL MARK A BEGINNING OF A NATION-WIDE PUSH FOR COAL."

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