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Washington D.C. --- West Virginia's Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, says that his resolution disapproving the recommended cut-backs in the Amtrak Train system is gaining support in the House of Representatives.

Last Week, Congressman Rahall, introduced House Resolution 93, which would continue passenger train service in West Virginia if approved.

"We are on the verge of a new era in transportation policy in this country," Rahall stated. "The growing and alarming dependence upon oil imports may very well change the way we move around in this country. Rail passenger service will play a major role in this transition and we should be prepared to equip our Nation with the tools to meet it."

Under recommendations made by the Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams, West Virginia would lose the service of the Hilltopper, Blue Ridge, Cardinal and the Shenandoah.

"I agree that Amtrak is not a money maker," Congressman Rahall observed, "but making money is not the objective. Providing a needed public service is the objective, a service that is greatly needed in West Virginia."

Congressman Rahall believes, "Rather than drive ourselves into national bankruptcy, we should give Amtrak a chance to develop a truly nationwide system. Admit its problems, end the harassment, provide necessary new equipment and set down a broader route structure."

The cut-backs will halt passenger service in the southern W.Va. Virginia towns of Bluefield, Welch, Williamson and Huntington. Numerous other cities and towns all over the state will also be effected.