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CONGRESSMAN

Nick Rahall

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT
CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, HAS JOINED AN EFFORT IN CONGRESS WILL
EASE THE CRUSHING REGULATORY BURDEN ON THE NATION'S ECONOMY.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL HAS CO-SPONSORED HR 1008, THE REGULA-
TORY REVIEW ACT OF 1979.

"THIS LEGISLATION WOULD REQUIRE THAT ALL PROPOSED FEDERAL
REGULATIONS BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS, 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THEIR
IMPLEMENTATION," RAHALL POINTED OUT. "DURING THAT TIME, EITHER
THE HOUSE OR THE SENATE MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING IN WHOLE
OR IN PART, ANY SUCH REGULATION," RAHALL SAID.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL OBSERVED, "THIS PROPOSAL REQUIRES THAT
FEDERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, WHICH EFFECT EVERY AMERICAN, BE RE-
VIEWED BY A GOVERNMENTAL BODY DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE VOTERS.
SINCE FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES KNOW THAT THEIR PROPOSALS
WILL BE SCRUTINIZED BY THOSE IN CONGRESS WHO DRAFTED THE LEGISLA-
TION, THEY WILL BE MORE LIKELY TO WORK WITH CONGRESS IN DRAFTING
REGULATIONS THAT WILL BE MORE PRACTICAL."

"IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STATED,
"THAT AMERICANS SPEND A STAGGERING 785 MILLION HOURS EACH YEAR FILLING
OUT 4,987 FEDERAL FORMS THAT ARE A RESULT OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS."

"LAST YEAR ALONE. BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS PUT IN OVER
613 MILLION HOURS ON 260 DIFFERENT FORMS," RAHALL SAID.

"IT IS TIME," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL OBSERVED, "THAT WE LOOK
INTO THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS. IF A REGULATION
IS PUT INTO OPERATION, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS MUST KNOW
HOW MUCH THAT REGULATION WILL COST, AS WELL AS THE BENEFITS. I
BELIEVE THE PASSAGE OF HR 1008, WILL BRING THIS ABOUT."

RAHALL CONCLUDED, THE MEASURE WILL ALSO HALT REDUNDANT OR
CONTRADICTORY REGULATIONS, WHICH WILL BE ELIMINATED DURING THE CON-
GRESSIONAL REVIEW PROCESS.