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THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

As the result of a meeting I called, with the Department of Labor and representatives of the United Mine Workers Districts 17 and 29, I believe positive will be taken to make the black lung program more responsive to the needs of coal miners and their families.

LAST MONTH, I WROTE SEC. OF LABOR RAY MARSHALL, AND OUTLINED NUMEROUS DOWNFALLS I WAS AWARE OF, IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BLACK LUNG PROGRAM.

I AM ENCOURAGED NOW, THAT AFTER OUR MEETING, THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REALIZES THE PROBLEMS THAT EXIST IN THEIR PROCESSING OF CLAIMS, AND THEY INDEND TO MAKE IMPROVMENTS TO BETTER CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THE BLACK LUNG PROGRAM.

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