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SMALL POST OFFICES, 6-DAY DELIVERY MAINTAINED

WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, WORKING WITH MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE POST OFFICE COMMITTEE AND HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, HAS SECURED THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO MAINTAIN THE OPERATION OF OVER 10,000 SMALL RURAL POST OFFICES.

THE LEGISLATION, HR 4121, APPROVED BY THE HOUSE ALSO PROVIDES FOR 6-DAY MAIL DELIVERY, A SERVICE VITAL TO SMALL BUSINESSES.

"THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA," RAHALL POINTED OUT, "RESIDENTS RECEIVE THEIR MAIL AT SMALL POST OFFICES. THESE FACILITIES FOR YEARS HAVE BEEN FIXTURES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND HAVE PROVIDED AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC SERVICE."

"THE ADMINISTRATION'S DESIRE TO CUT COSTS, AT THE EXPENSE OF THE SMALL POST OFFICES WAS UNWISE," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL SAID, "AND I AM PLEASED THAT CONGRESS PROTECTED THE NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BY SAVING THESE SMALL POST OFFICES."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL OBSERVED, "ALMOST \$8 BILLION HAS ALREADY BEEN CUT BY THE ADMINISTRATION FROM PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO THE RURAL REGIONS OF OUR COUNTRY. THE ELIMINATION OF SMALL RURAL POST OFFICES WOULD HAVE FURTHER IMPACTED THESE INDIVIDUALS, AND ESPECIALLY WEST VIRGINIANS."

"I AM PLEASED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO WIN THIS FIGHT," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STATED.

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