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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CON-GRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, HAS PLEDGED HIS SUPPORT TO THE ALMOST 500 FAMILIES IN THE RURAL HARTS CREEK AREA OF LOGAN COUNTY, WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO HAVE MILES OF DIRT ROAD IMPROVED.

IN A LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS COMMISSIONER CHARLES MILLER, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF THE HARTS CREEK RESIDENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN DURING THE WIN-TER MONTHS.

"CHILDREN IN THIS VICINITY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL FOR ALMOST THREE WEEKS DURING JANUARY," RAHALL SAID, "THE ICY CONDITIONS, ON THE DIRT ROAD, MAKES IT NEAR IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY VEHICLE TO TRAVEL THE ROAD SAFELY."

"As a parent of young children myself," Congressman Rahall added, "I can see why parents are afraid to let their children go to school each day on an icy road. Those parents deserve to have the security that their children are safe when riding a bus to and from school."

"I will work with the residents, the Governor, and the Department of Highways to find a solution to this situation," Rahall stated, "because the safe daily travel of all West Virginians should and must be guaranteed if all possible."

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