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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, HAS CALLED UPON THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION TO RECONSIDER ANY STAFF REDUCTIONS OR CLOSING OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE IN WILLIAMSON.

IN A LETTER TO SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSIONER WILLIAM

J. DRIVER, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STRESSED, "THE WILLIAMSON OFFICE
PROVIDES A VERY IMPORTANT SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THAT AREA,
MANY OF WHICH ARE NOT ABLE TO TRAVEL AS FAR AS LOGAN FOR HELP."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL OBSERVED THAT, "COST-CUTTING STEPS ARE UNDERWAY, BUT THOSE STEPS SHOULD NOT CAUSE A REDUCTION IN SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL INFORMED MR. DRIVER, THAT HE WAS MAKING THIS INQUIRY DUE TO A NUMBER MINGO COUNTY RESIDENTS EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERN TO HIM.

"I HOPE THAT YOU WILL EXTEND ALL CONSIDERATION TO MY CONSTITUENTS WHO NEED THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE IN WILLIAMSON," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL CONCLUDED HIS LETTER.