THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

I HAVE JOINED AN EFFORT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TO ADVANCE A BILL ENTITLED: THE RURAL ENTERPRISE ZONE AND
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1982.

THIS LEGISLATION REPRESENTS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD TO

ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF RURAL AMERICA, AS BEING SOMETHING

UNIQUE. IT IS OBVIOUS TO US ALL, THAT JUST BECAUSE SOMETHING

WORKS IN NEW YORK, IT DOES NOT MEAN IT WILL WORK IN SOUTHERN

WEST VIRGINIA. THEREFORE LIES THE NEED FOR THIS MEASURE.

THE RURAL ENTERPRISE ZONE CONCEPT PINPOINTS ECONOMIC

ASSISTANCE TO THOSE AREAS OF GREATEST NEED. IT WILL PROVIDE

GRANTS AND LOANS TO SPUR RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ALONG WITH TAX

CREDITS AND INCENTIVES TO PROMOTE LOCAL BUSINESS.

A NUMBER OF GOOD PROGRAMS HAVE HELPED APPALACHIA OVER THE YEARS, AND I BELIEVE THIS BILL WILL GO ONE STEP FURTHER TO MEET OUR SPECIAL NEEDS.

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