

TAPE FOR AUG. 31

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

CREATING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER AMERICANS WHO WISH TO CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING TO THE NATION'S PRODUCTIVITY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE ECONOMIC STRENGTH OF OUR COUNTRY.

WHILE ONLY 22 PERCENT OF THOSE AGED 60 AND OVER ARE PRESENTLY WORKING, NATIONAL POLLS HAVE CONSISTENTLY SHOWN THAT THERE IS AN EVEN LARGER NUMBER OF OLDER AMERICANS WHO WOULD LIKE A PAYING JOB, EITHER FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME.

MANY EMPLOYERS ARE BEGINING TO RECOGNIZE THE VALUABLE RESOURCE IN OLDER WORKERS, AND SOME ARE INITIATING REHIRING OR RETRAINING PROGRAMS TO TAP THIS VAST POOL OF TALENT.

I HAVE JOINED WITH MY COLLEAGUES ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE AGING TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE MANY POTENTIAL OLDER WORKERS AND TO ENCOURAGE EMPLOYERS TO GENERATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM.

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