

TAPE FOR JULY 6

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NIC RAHALL.

AMERICANS HAVE HEARD A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE REAGAN BUDGET CUTTING PLAN, BUT MANY OF THOSE SAME AMERICANS DO NOT COMPLETELY REALIZE THE IMPACT OF THOSE PROPOSALS.

UNDER THE SO-CALLED "BLOCK GRANT PLAN," THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA STANDS TO LOSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE AREA OF MEDICAID AND HEALTH.

THE PROGRAM ADVANCED BY THE PRESIDENT WILL CUT OVER \$9 MILLION FROM THE MEDICAID PAYMENTS MADE TO OUR STATE. I SUPPORTED A REDUCTION OF ONLY \$3 MILLION.

IN THE AREA OF HEALTH, \$5 MILLION WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM THE ~~XXXXXX~~ RESIDENTS OF WEST VIRGINIA. I SUPPORTED A CUT OF ONLY \$2 MILLION.

IN MEDICAID PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS, THE PRESIDENT HAS SLASHED ~~XXX~~ OVER \$14 MILLION. I SUPPORTED ONLY A \$5 MILLION REDUCTION.

THE IMPACT OF THESE MAJOR BUDGET CUTS WILL NOT BE FELT UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR. WHEN THEY ARE HOWEVER, THE EFFECTS WILL BE DEVASTATING.

TO MANY, TO CUT SPENDING IS EASY, BECAUSE ONE ONLY SEES FIGURES. IT MUST BE REALIZED THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE BEHIND THOSE FIGURES. SUCH IS A FACT THAT I WILL ALWAYS FOLLOW.

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