

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL REPORTS

WEEK OF: JUNE 22

ONE MINUTE

"SMALL RURAL POST OFFICES"

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THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

DUE TO STRICT BUDGET CEILINGS IMPOSED BY THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, THE HOUSE POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE HAS HAD TO SUBMIT A PLAN THAT WOULD SHUT DOWN 10,000 SMALL RURAL POST OFFICES OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

I HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM FORD, AND INFORMED HIM OF MY STRONG OPPOSITION TO THIS PLAN.

THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA RECIEVE THEIR MAIL FROM SMALL POST OFFICE. RURAL POST OFFICES ARE FIXTURES IN MANY COMMUNITIES AND THEY MUST BE MAINTAINED.

ALREADY, RURAL AREAS OF OUR COUNTRY ARE BRACING FOR THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET CUTS. TO CLOSE DOWN SMALL POST OFFICES WOULD ONLY FURTHER DAMAGE RURAL AMERICA, AND I WILL WORK TO SEE THE NECESSARY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THESE SMALL RURAL POST OFFICES BE MAINTAINED IN THE COMING YEARS.

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.