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REPORT FROM
CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL

FOR USE: WEEK OF MARCH 16

ONE MINUTE PROGRAM

SUBJECT: SMALL BUSINESS

TAPE FOR MARCH 17

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSION AND DEBATE ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM, WE HAVE HEARD A GREAT DEAL SAID ABOUT SPURRING AMERICAN BUSINESS.

THE FOUNDATION OF THE UNITED STATES OVER THE YEARS, HAS BEEN A SOUND AND EXPANDING FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM. ONE SEGMENT OF THAT SYSTEM, ALTHOUGH REFERRED TO AS "SMALL", IS LARGE INDEED. I AM TALKING ABOUT AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSMEN.

THERE ARE ALMOST 14 MILLION SMALL BUSINESSMEN IN THIS COUNTRY, AND HERE IN SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA, THEY PROVIDE US WITH NEARLY EVERY CONSUMER PRODUCT AVAILABLE.

AS A SMALL BUSINESSMAN MYSELF, BEFORE BEING ELECTED TO CONGRESS, I AM WELL AWARE OF THE STACKS OF FORMS AND COUNTLESS GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS THAT HINDER A SMALL BUSINESSMAN'S OPERATION.

AS CONGRESS REVIEWS THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM, I PLAN TO WORK TO FREE THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THIS COUNTRY WHO ARE THE BASIS OF A TRUE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, THE SMALL BUSINESSMAN.

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