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THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

A KEY TO GREATER COAL PRODUCTION, USE AND EXPORTATION, IS A SYSTEM TO TRANSPORT COAL SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY. IT IS FOR THIS REASON, THAT I HAVE INTRODUCED LEGISLATION, ~~HR~~ ~~1271~~, TO PROVIDE HELP TO THE STATES IN THE UP-GRADING AND CONSTRUCTION OF COAL HAUL, AND OTHER ENERGY IMPACTED ~~ROADS~~ HIGHWAYS AND RAILROAD ~~crossings~~.

THIS LEGISLATION WOULD SET UP A FOUR-YEAR, \$1.5 BILLION PROGRAM, FROM WHICH THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA COULD BE ALLOTTED AS MUCH AS \$36 MILLION IN THE FIRST YEAR, AND AS MUCH AS \$56 MILLION IN THE FINAL YEAR OF THE PROGRAM.

NUMEROUS STUDIES HAVE SHOWN, THAT WITHOUT A MAJOR EFFORT TO REHABILITATE APPALACHIA'S COAL HAUL ROADS, OUR REGION OF THE NATION MAY NOT BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM THE GROWING COAL MARKET, BOTH AT HOME AND OVERSEAS. That is why THIS MEASURE IS SO GREATLY NEEDED NOW.

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This & the fact that these roads must be safe for the daily use of all U.S. is why this measure

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