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Dear Editor:

Recently, a large number of southern West Virginia residents have contacted me concerning an attempt to reduce unemployment benefits by the amount a person may receive in retirement benefits. I would like to take this opportunity to explain to you, and your readers, what action the House of Representatives took on this matter.

A bill, HR 5507, was considered last week by the House. This measure would delay a requirement that states reduce the amount of unemployment compensation payable for any week by the amount of certain retirement benefits.

I supported this measure and it passed the full House. With the passage of HR 5507, full unemployment benefits will not be denied any individual who retires and then returns to the labor force.

This is often the case of miners, who retire from one mine, receives a pension or retirement benefits, then at a later date, returns to work in a different mine. It would not be fair to take away this individuals rightful pension they paid for, and restrict them from ever working again.

I believe the favorable consideration of HR 5507, will protect many southern West Virginia residents from unfair reductions in the benefits they deserve and would like to enlist the views of any residents who would like to comment on this action.

Thank you for this opportunity to explain a very complicated measure.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress