

CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, II

West Virginia's Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, of Beckley, has earned and deserves the support of coal miners and their families throughout the State of West Virginia.

As chairman and founder of the Congressional Coal Group, Rahall has been a leader in the United States House of Representatives for greater coal production and utilization. He has sponsored legislation in the Congress to boost coal use through a nation-wide coal conversion bill, and has been in the forefront to increase the sale of American coal to overseas buyers. As a participant in a U.S. Commerce Department Coal Export Mission to Europe in early 1982, Congressman Rahall stressed this concept.

With regards to safety of coal miners on the jobs, Congressman Rahall initiated the General Accounting Office to investigate the lack of coal mine inspections in West Virginia, and in other coal producing regions of the nation. Through his effort, the Mine, Safety and Health Administration instituted measures to hire and train more qualified mine inspectors.

As a champion of the Black Lung program, Congressman Rahall ---through tireless efforts---has seen to it that coal miners and their families who deserve black lung benefits, actually receive them.

To deal with the rising unemployment in the coal fields, Rahall has introduced--with the support of the United Mine Workers of America --a Comprehensive Coal Jobs Bill. This measure would provide trade readjustment allowances, training and job search and relocation allowances for workers in the coal industry.

Whenever coal miners and their families have needed a friend, Nick Rahall has been there to help them. He enjoys the support of the United Mine Workers of America, and is committed to continue his efforts for coal miners, their families and their industry.