

TAPE FOR WEEK OF SEPT. 13

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

IN RECENT MONTHS, I HAVE VOICED STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY OF REVIEWING DISABILITY INSURANCE CLAIMS. THIS PROGRAM HAS RESULTED IN OVER 100,000 AMERICANS HAVING THEIR BENEFITS TERMINATED, THOUGH MANY OF THEM REMAIN UNABLE TO WORK DUE TO THEIR DISABILITY.

JUST LAST WEEK, THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY ANNOUNCED REFORMS IN THE REVIEW POLICY, AND I BELIEVE IT IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN PROTECTING THOSE DISABILITY INSURANCE CLAIMANTS WHO ARE-- AND WHO WOULD BE--VICTIMS OF HASTY AND UNFAIR REVIEWS OF THEIR CASES.

WHILE SUCH REVIEWS ARE AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF OVERSEEING THIS PROGRAM, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF THOSE WHO TRULY BELONG IN THE DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM BE PROTECTED.

FOR THIS REASON, I PLAN TO CLOSELY MONITOR SOCIAL SECURITY'S OPERATION TO ASSURE THAT FUTURE INEQUITIES DO NOT OCCUR.

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