

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JULY 19

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

NATION-WIDE, OVER 100,000 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE ROLLS. HERE IN THE WEST VIRGINIA, A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF PERSONS HAVE BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

ALTHOUGH A PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE MEDICAL CONDITION OF DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFICIARIES IS AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF OVERSEEING THE PROGRAM, HASTY REVIEWS--WHICH ARE BEING DONE AT THE PRESENT TIME--DO NOTHING MORE THAN BACKLOG THE ENTIRE SYSTEM AND PLACE AN ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL BURDEN ON ALL TAXPAYERS.

FOR THIS REASON, I HAVE WRITTEN THE COMMISSIONER OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, TO URGE HIM TO ^{TEMPORARILY} REDUCE THE NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS, WHICH ARE RESULTING IN THE WRONGFUL TERMINATION OF MANY DISABILITY RECIPIENTS. SUCH ACTION WOULD ALLOW TIME FOR A PROPER AND FAIR CONSIDERATION OF EACH CASE.

~~I AM HOPEFUL OF A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSIONER.~~

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