

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JULY 5

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

SINCE CHILDREN CANNOT VOTE OR LOBBY SUPPORT FOR ISSUES THAT CONCERN THEM, THEY ARE ALMOST INVISIBLE WHEN MANY OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT NATIONAL POLICY AND PRIORITY DECISIONS ARE MADE. PROGRAMS THAT AFFECT CHILDREN ARE NOW THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MANY DIFFERENT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES, AND ONLY ON RARE OCCASSIONS HAS IT BEEN POSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF HOW OUR POLICIES AFFECT YOUNG PEOPLE.

FOR THIS REASON, I HAVE SPONSORED A MEASURE IN CONGRESS THAT WOULD CREATE A SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES.

AS CONGRESS MAKES MAJOR CHANGES IN NATIONAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ASSESS HOW THESE CHANGES AFFECT THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES OF THIS NATION.

CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE, AND MUST DO WHAT WE CAN TO SHAPE THEIR FUTURE FOR THE GOOD OF OUR NATION.

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