

Tourism

TAPE FOR WEEK OF MAY 31

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

RECENTLY, I RENEWED MY SUPPORT FOR THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY, AS A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM CAUCUS.

THE CAUCUS FOUNDED IN NOVEMBER OF 1979, WAS FORMED BECAUSE OF A SHARED BELIEF THAT TRAVEL AND TOURISM MAKE A SIGNIFICANT, BUT OFTEN OVERLOOKED, CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELFARE OF THE NATION, AND OF OUR STATE.

TOURISM IS THE NATION'S THIRD LARGEST INDUSTRY---AND THE THIRD LARGEST INDUSTRY IN THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA. THIS IS EVIDENCED BY THE OVER 30,000 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN TOURISM IN OUR STATE, AND THE GENERATION OF \$884 MILLION IN TRAVEL BUSINESS LAST YEAR.

TOURISM'S POTENTIAL IN WEST VIRGINIA IS VERY PROMISING, FOR OUR STATE'S MOUNTAIN BEAUTY--TOO LONG HIDDEN FROM THE REST OF THE NATION--IS NOW OPENED UP TO THE MANY AMERICAN FAMILIES WHO WANT TO BASK IN ITS SPECIAL SURROUNDINGS AND PLEASURES. AS VISITORS COME TO SEE WHAT WEST VIRGINIA HAS TO OFFER, WE CAN BE PROUD AND PLEASED OF THE HOSPITALITY THEY WILL RECEIVE, AND THE BEAUTY THEY WILL WITNESS.

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