

TAPE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 5

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

IN RECENT WEEKS, MY CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES HAVE BEEN SWAMPED WITH LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED CHANGES REGARDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT---ALL OF WHICH WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THIS NATION'S ONE MILLION RAILROAD RETIREES AND HALF A MILLION RAILROAD WORKERS.

THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD HAVE BEEN MARKED FOR EXTINCTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION, WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOTH BEING TAKEN OVER BY SOCIAL SECURITY AND SOME "NEW" PRIVATE CORPORATION.

FURTHERMORE, AN ADDITIONAL CUT HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR THE DUAL BENEFIT COMPONENT, EARNED BY 400,000 RETIREES. SUCH ACTION WOULD MEAN THAT THESE BENEFITS WOULD SUFFER A 19 PERCENT REDUCTION IN TWO YEARS TIME.

SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA IS THE HOME OF MANY MEN AND WOMEN WHO'S LIVES HAVE BEEN SPENT ON THE RAILROADS, AND I AM PROUD TO BE A PART OF THE EFFORT TO BLOCK ATTEMPTS TO DENY THEM A SECURE FUTURE---A FUTURE THEY WORKED FOR THEIR ENTIRE LIVES.

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