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This is Congressman Nick Rahall.

At this time of the year, all families in West Virginia and all over America take time to reflect on the blessings that God has provided them over the past months. Again this year, while as a nation we can be relieved that no American soldier is engaged in combat, we must realize that many of our neighbors are not experiencing prosperous financial times.

Earlier this week, new government statistics show that 14 percent of the labor force in West Virginia is unemployed, and when those figures are measured in human terms, we know that there is suffering among our fellow man.

While Thanksgiving is indeed a time for joy and family togetherness, let us not forget or neglect those among us who are not a well off.

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