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CONGRESSMAN

Nick Rahall

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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RAHALL ADDRESSES SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS CONFERENCE

CANAAN VALLEY, WV --- IN HIS REMARKS TO THE WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL STRESSED THAT, "SCHOOL FUNCTIONS SHOULD AND MUST BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH VOLUNTARY EFFORTS BY PRIVATE AND PUBLIC COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS."

"THE UNITED STATES NEEDS A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING," RAHALL POINTED OUT, "AND TO SAY THAT THIS RESPONSIBILITY RESTS EXCLUSIVELY WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, IS UNFAIR AND UNREALISTIC."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL EXPLAINED THAT, "THERE MUST BE A CONCERTED EFFORT FROM DIFFERENT LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO DEMONSTRATE A CONCERN AND A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE."

"UNLESS WE REBUILD THE AMERICAN ECONOMY AND STRENGTHEN OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, IT WILL BE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT--IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE--TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STANDARD OF LIVING FOR ALL AMERICANS, AND PROVIDE FOR A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE," RAHALL WARNED.

RAHALL OBSERVED, "WHILE I HAVE MY DISAGREEMENTS WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN ON HIS APPROACH TO EDUCATION, I HAVE TO HONESTLY SAY THAT HE HAS HELPED IN PUSHING EDUCATION TO THE FOREFRONT OF THE NATION'S CONSCIOUSNESS."

"HOWEVER," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STATED, "I AM CONCERNED THAT THE PRESIDENT THINKS ONLY OF MILITARY VULNERABILITY, AND NOT OF THE VULNERABILITY OF A NATION ILL-EDUCATED FOR THE COMPUTER AGE."

"THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE A SUPPORTING PARTNER IN OUR NATION'S EDUCATION SYSTEM," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STATED. "IT SHOULD PROVIDE HELP BEYOND WHAT THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE THEMSELVES," RAHALL CONCLUDED.