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TAPE FOR WEEK OF SEPT. 12

I HAVE RECENTLY JOINED IN AN EFFORT TO PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2-8, AS NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK.

ALTHOUGH TRANSPORTATION FOR OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN IS THE LARGEST TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN THE NATION, I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT THE YELLOW SCHOOL BUS IS THE SAFEST MODE OF TRANSPORTATION. HOWEVER, SCHOOL BUSES ARE ^{NOT} IMMUNE FROM ACCIDENTS. STATISTICS SHOW THAT MOST SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENTS OCCUR WHILE THE BUS IS LOADING OR UNLOADING STUDENTS. MANY OF THESE ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED BY PASSING MOTORISTS WHO FAIL TO STOP, AS THE LAW REQUIRES.

RECOGNIZING THIS ALL IMPORTANT VEHICLE DURING NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK WILL HOPEFULLY, REMIND THE TRAVELING PUBLIC THAT SCHOOL BUSES ARE THE SAFEST FORM OF TRANSPORTATION OUR CHILDREN CAN ENJOY. BUT ⁺ ONLY TAKES ONE CARELESS MOTORIST TO BRING ABOUT A NEEDLESS TRADGY.

NO DOUBT YOU HAVE ALREADY SEEN THE YELLOW SCHOOL BUSES BACK ON THE ROAD. SO TAKE JUST A MINUTE TO REMEMBER TO FOLLOW THE LAW, AND TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN, NICK RAHALL.