

TAPE FOR WEEK OF AUG . 8

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

SINCE ITS BEGINNING IN THE EARLY 1970'S, THE REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM HAS BEEN ONE FEDERAL INITIATIVE THAT HAS WORKED--
--AND WORKED WELL.

BEING WELL AWARE OF ITS SUCCESS OVER THE YEARS, I AM PROUD TO HAVE BEEN A CO-SPONSOR AND STRONG SUPPORTER OF LEGISLATION TO AT
EXTENDED REVENUE SHARING THROUGH 1988, WHICH WAS PASSED RECENTLY BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

REVENUE SHARING IS THE ONLY FEDERAL AID PROGRAM THAT GIVES LOCALITIES MONEY THAT THEY CAN SPEND AS THEY SEE FIT. SINCE IT BEGAN, THE PROGRAM HAS DISTRIBUTED OVER \$60 BILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

WEST VIRGINIA HAS BEEN A PRIME RECIPIENT OF REVENUE SHARING DOLLARS OVER THE YEARS. COUNTLESS NEEDED PUBLIC PROJECTS HAVE BEEN HELPED ALONG WITH REVENUE SHARING FUNDS. I AM CONFIDENT THIS GOOD WORK WILL CONTINUE IN THE YEARS TO COME--FOR THE GOOD OF OUR STATE AND NATION.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN, NICK RAHALL.