

TAPE FOR WEEK OF MAY 15

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THE GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM EXPIRES ON SEPTEMBER 30 OF THIS YEAR. SINCE ITS CREATION IN 1972, REVENUE SHARING HAS PROVIDED IMPORTANT ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS--- ESPECIALLY HERE IN SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA.

REVENUE SHARING, OVER THE YEARS, HAS PROVEN TO BE FREE OF BUREAUCRATIC STRINGS THAT ARE ATTACHED TO MANY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. IT HAS BEEN THE UTMOST IN SENDING TAX DOLLARS BACK TO THE COMMUNITIES.

BECAUSE OF THE IMPENDING SHUT DOWN OF REVENUE SHARING, I HAVE JOINED WITH A NUMBER OF MY COLLEAGUES, TO PUSH FOR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR A THREE-YEAR EXTENSION OF REVENUE SHARING.

NOW MORE THAN EVER, REVENUE SHARING IS NEEDED SINCE MANY LOCAL COMMUNITIES ARE EXPERIENCING SEVERE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, AND HAVING TO RAISE TAXES OR REDUCE BASIC SERVICES.

THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING OUR BILL, HR 2780, AND I JOIN IN THE HOPE FOR ITS QUICK PASSAGE.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.