

TAPE FOR WEEK OF MAY 2

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THE TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTMENT PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED TO HELP AMERICAN WORKERS WHO BECAME PARTIALLY OR TOTALLY UNEMPLOYED AS A RESULT OF INCREASED IMPORTS.

WORKERS SUCH AS: COAL MINERS, STEELWORKERS, SHIPBUILDERS, AND AUTOWORKERS CONTINUE TO SUFFER LAYOFFS BECAUSE OF INCREASED IMPORTS, MUCH OF WHICH ARE HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS-- AND EVEN U.S. FOREIGN AID.

AS PART OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S INITIAL ECONOMIC PROGRAM, THE TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR. BUT I, AND A NUMBER OF MY COLLEAGUES, HAVE INTRODUCED A MEASURE IN CONGRESS TO KEEP THIS FROM HAPPENING.

AMERICAN WORKERS IN TRADE SENSITIVE INDUSTRIES NEED HELP NOW. LEGISLATION TO KEEP THE TAA PROGRAM IN OPERATION IS URGENTLY NEEDED, AND ANY EFFORTS TO ASSIST THESE WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, I WILL SUPPORT.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.