

TAPE FOR WEEK OF AUG. 20

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN, NICK RAHALL.

IT HAS RECENTLY COME TO LIGHT, THAT A NUMBER OF U.S. FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDINGS ACROSS THE NATION ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CONTRACTING OUT CERTAIN POSITIONS TRADITIONALLY RESERVED FOR OUR VETERANS. IN FACT, SUCH CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES ARE SCHEDULED TO GO INTO EFFECT IN THE EARLY FALL.

OVERALL, THIS CHANGE IN LONG-TIME POLICY WOULD HURT OVER 5,000 AMERICAN VETERANS, AND FOR THIS REASON, I JOINED AN EFFORT RECENTLY TO CO-SPONSOR AND SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROTECT VETERANS PREFERENCE IN CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS.

MANY YEARS AGO, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT SAID THAT, "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN ASSURING THOSE WHO ARE IN THE ARMED SERVICES, THAT WHEN THEY RETURN, SPECIAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THEM IN THEIR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT."

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS ALREADY APPROVED LEGISLATION TO PROTECT VETERANS PREFERENCE. IT IS NOW UP TO THE SENATE. PLEASE JOIN ME IN URGING THEM TO FOLLOW SUIT.

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