

TAPE FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 6

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 700,000 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS WORKING WITH TEACHERS AND OTHER EDUCATION PERSONNEL ACROSS THIS NATION, PLAYING AN INSTRUMENTAL PART IN THE MENTAL DEVELOPMENT, AND ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN. THESE GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAMS ENABLE STUDENTS TO LEARN ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS, AND THUS BENEFIT SOCIETY BY PRODUCING BETTER PREPARED ADULTS.

THE DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY DO SO IN A MANNER THAT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTS CHILDREN AND THEIR FUTURE. THEREFORE, SUPPORT IS NEEDED FOR THIS PROGRAM FROM PARENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND CONCERNED CITIZENS.

I HAVE INITIATED AN EFFORT, IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO COMMEND AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR GUIDANCE COUNSELORS. THEY ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, AND THEY DESERVE RECOGNITION FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN, NICK RAHALL.