

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JULY 16

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THIS WEEK IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION OPENS TO SELECT A PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, AND TO FINALIZE THE PARTY PLATFORM FOR THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION.

I AM HONORED TO BE A DELEGATE, SELECTED BY MY COLLEAGUES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING IN A PROCESS THAT HAS LONG BEEN A TRADITION IN THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM.

MY PRIMARY CONCERN, AS PREPARATIONS ARE MADE FOR THE FALL ELECTION, IS THAT A NEW EMPHASIS BE PLACED ON BUILDING A SECURE AND PROPEROUS ECONOMY. AN ECONOMY THAT WILL BENEFIT THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR COUNTRY -- AND IN WEST VIRGINIA. IN ADDITION, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THOSE WHO ARE RETIRED, OR WHO ARE NEARING RETIREMENT. THEIR WELL BEING IS ~~SOMETHING~~ SOMETHING OUR NATION MUST DEAL WITH. FOR THEY ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE MADE AMERICA WHAT IT IS TODAY.

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