

Tape for week of Feb. 6

This is Congressman Nick Rahall.

West Virginians are well aware of the adverse impact foreign coal and steel are having on our State's and Nation's economy. But it is also important to realize that in the last 10 years, output by America's textile and apparel industry has declined 10 percent, while imports have increased 23 percent.

The current level of imported clothing goods means that over 800,000 Americans are out of work--and this figure can increase to well over 1 Million in the next five years, unless action is taken.

These frightful statistics have compelled me to join a legislative effort in the House of Representatives that would in short, place a limit on imported clothing goods coming into this country -- clothing that comes mostly from Taiwan, Hong Kong and Korea.

It is time for this Administration to put its foot down in the effort to protect American jobs from cheap foreign competition. Such <sup>A</sup> ~~a~~ program I certainly support, because U.S. dollars should be spent to keep <sup>Americans working.</sup> ~~the U.S. economy working~~

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