

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JAN. 2

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

EVERYDAY LIFE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN TODAY IS FAR MORE COMPLEX THAN AT ANY TIME IN AMERICAN HISTORY. INCREASED FINANCIAL STRESS, BROUGHT ON BY LONG-TERM RECESSION, UNEMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY HAS RESULTED IN SEVERE PROBLEMS FOR FAMILIES.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT NEW METHODS AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES MUST BE FOUND TO HELP CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS COPE IN TODAY'S WORLD.

FOR THIS REASON, I AM PLEASED TO BE INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF EFFORTS TO AMEND FEDERAL LAW TO PROTECT CHILDREN, TO INCREASE FUNDING LEVELS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS, AND TO IMPROVE PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS.

I AM GREATLY ENCOURAGED THAT CONGRESS, THIS YEAR, WILL BE CONSIDERING LEGISLATION WHICH WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF OUR NATION'S CHILDREN.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN, NICK RAHALL.