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NEWS FROM CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL

Washington, D.C. -- Fourth District Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today announced his participation in a number of efforts to ensure full funding for Social Security Cost Of Living Adjustments (COLA) and to ensure that funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission are both included when the conferees for the House and Senate meet to iron out the differences between the two budgets passed by both bodies of Congress.

Congressman Rahall signed a letter to all House Conferees as well as the Budget Chairmen of both bodies of Congress urging them to uphold the position as passed by the House of Representatives that full cost of living increases should be paid as scheduled to all eligible Social Security recipients. "I feel that the Social Security system represents a contract entered into by the American people and their government. Any tampering with this system would constitute a breach of that contract," Rep. Rahall pointed out. Congressman Rahall is a member of the Social Security Caucus and the COLA Coalition in the House of Representatives.

Congressman Rahall also sent a letter to all House Budget Conferees urging them to uphold the provision in the House-passed budget providing \$134 million in new budget authority for the Appalachian Regional Commission. "The A.R.C. is a vital source of development in West Virginia, of jobs, and of sustenance. We cannot afford to have the A.R.C. fall under the President's budget knife," Rep. Rahall said. "Some of our most-travelled roads would be left uncompleted should funding for A.R.C. be cut abruptly."

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Congressman Rahall also announced the winners in the Congressional Art Competition's Fourth District contest of "An Artistic Discovery." In the competition among area high school students, "Watching--Waiting--Coal Country, West Virginia" by Jan Clarkson, a 17-year-old senior at Bluefield High School, was chosen to represent the Fourth District in the exhibition in the U.S. Capitol. In the category of Special Education, "Cherry Blossoms" by Pam Harrison of East Beckley High School was judged as the winner. Pam lives in Harper, West Virginia. "I salute these talented young artists as well as all other participants in the Congressional Art Competition. I am proud to see the works from our area hanging in the U.S. Capitol and I hope that all West Virginians visiting Washington will go see the exhibition," Rep. Rahall said.

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The premier of "Congressman Nick Rahall's Congressional Report" television program will air on Sunday night, June 16, 1985, at 9:00 p.m. over WVAH-TV, Channel 23 in Charleston-Huntington, and can be seen throughout southern West Virginia. Congressman Rahall's special guest is the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr.

House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

MEMORANDUM

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Dear •:

I would like to take this opportunity to invite high school students in my Congressional district to participate in a nationwide Congressional Art Competition again this year. The competition is part of An Artistic Discovery, a nationwide activity initiated by members of the House of Representatives to recognize and encourage the creative talents of young Americans. It is also my pleasure this year to invite handicapped students of all ages to participate in a similar type of competition which is unique to the fourth Congressional district of West Virginia.

It is my hope that you will take part in these competitions by encouraging your art and special education instructors to assist students who wish to participate in the competition in following the guidelines set below, as established by the Congressional Arts Caucus.

Each student who enters will receive a letter of recognition, and four second place entries from both the traditional and specialized competitions will be selected for display in my district offices. I will submit the winning entry from my district in the nationwide competition for possible selection for display in the National Exhibition; this Exhibition will be located in a corridor leading to the United States Capitol. The winning entry in the specialized competition will be proudly displayed in the reception area of my Washington, D.C. office. Should the winning entry from the traditional competition not be selected for the National Exhibition, it will be prominently displayed, along with the specialized winner in my Washington office. Ten entries will be exhibited during the month of May at each of the following locations: the Raleigh County Public Library in Beckley for Raleigh and Wyoming counties; the Flat Top National Bank in Bluefield for Mercer and McDowell counties; the Cabell County Public Library in Huntington for Cabell and Wayne counties; and the Southwestern Community College (Logan Campus) for Logan and Mingo counties.

The guidelines for the nationwide competition have been set as follows:

1. The competition will be open to high school students, grades 9 through 12. One entry per art teacher from each school will be accepted. Judging each school's winning entry will be left to the discretion of the individual art teacher.
2. Art work must be two dimensional, no larger than 30 inches by 30 inches (unframed), and within the following categories:
  - Paintings - oils, acrylics, etc.
  - Drawings - watercolors and pastels
  - Collages
  - Prints - lithographs, silk screens, memotypes, wood cuts, and intaglio methods.
3. Entries should be unframed, but matted.
4. Subject matter is left to the discretion of the artist.
5. Each entry should be labeled with the artist's name, address, age, grade, title of entry and medium, school and address, and teacher.

6. Entries must be received on, or before, May 3, 1985, at the following locations:

Raleigh and Wyoming counties: Congressman Nick Rahall's Office, Bair Building, Beckley, WV 25801.

Mercer and McDowell counties: Congressman Nick Rahall's Office, 1005 Federal Building, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Cabell and Wayne counties: Congressman Nick Rahall's Office, 815 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701.

Logan and Mingo counties: Congressman Nick Rahall's Office, R.K. Building, Logan, WV 25601.

7. My office and the various participants will exercise usual care in the handling of entries, but we cannot assume liability for accidents in transit, handling or display. Please be certain that submitted works are not so fragile as to present difficulty in handling or display.

The competition for special education students will follow the same guidelines, however, it is open to students of all age groups.

It is requested that all works be picked up following the exhibition after May 30th and prior to September 15, 1985, at my district offices. The art works will be transferred to my office nearest your school and they may be picked up there at your convenience.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact one of my district offices. I look forward to your participation in the Congressional Art Competition.

With warm regard, I am

Sincerely,

NICK J. RAHALL, II  
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Washington, D.C. 20515**

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May 20, 1985

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**MEMO**

To: Art Competition Coordinators  
From: Rhoda Glickman *RH*  
Re: Opening Festivities of **An Artistic Discovery**

Recently you received an invitation from General Motors Corporation to the opening festivities for **An Artistic Discovery** — the exhibition of winning art by high school students selected from Congressional Art Competitions. We are delighted that your District will be represented in this special event and hope you will be joining us in the celebration.

Enclosed are three invitations to the opening. The invitation with a star on the envelope contains a special response card for your winning student. This invitation should be sent your student and family once your competition is completed. You might also wish to send the other invitations to the student's art teacher or people in your District who assisted with your local contest. **(If your office decides not to participate, please send back the invitations with the enclosed form.)**

We hope you will encourage your Member to attend this year's ceremony and reception. Last year several representatives of the national media, as well as Members' local Washington-based media, attended the opening ceremony. In addition, many of the winning students participated in the actual ribbon cutting.

The Caucus has already received several winning pictures. Please remember that your art (framed and ready for hanging), a completed identification form, and a photo must be received by the Arts Caucus, House Annex 2, Room 338, no later than Monday, June 3.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at x6-2456.

**Senate**

Paul Simon  
Ted Stevens

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 11, 1985

The Honorable Margaret M. Heckler  
Secretary  
Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Heckler:

On behalf of the citizens of West Virginia, we are writing to urge you to grant the State's request to renew its Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver Program. In recent weeks, each of us has contacted you or a member of your staff to bring this request to your attention. We now join together in this letter to demonstrate the importance that we attach to this program and to your agency's decision making process regarding its continuation.

As you know, West Virginia's Department of Human Services has been informed that the Health Care Financing Administration intends to recommend that you deny the extension request. We are surprised and disturbed by this recommendation for a number of reasons. In particular, we feel that such a denial would be an unfair response to West Virginia's documented commitment to the goals of the Medicaid Waiver and to implementing the program in full compliance with federal, legal and programmatic requirements. We, frankly, feel that HCFA has made it difficult for the State to obtain a positive review of the waiver request. But we would rather not dwell on the past, and at this point seek your involvement in order to proceed in a more satisfactory manner.

We hope that you agree with us that the State deserves further consideration from HHS. The State has attempted in the past few months to respond to HCFA's findings of certain program deficiencies in its current waiver program by submitting plans of correction. It also has welcomed the input and assistance of HCFA in developing a plan for the waiver extension that meets in full the expectations of the federal government. In other words, West Virginia is anxious to be cooperative and helpful in order to continue a program that is of great importance to the people of our State.

The Honorable Margaret M. Heckler

June 11, 1985

We understand that HHS may grant a state an extension of its existing waiver for a determined amount of time to permit the state to document more fully that it has satisfied, and will continue to satisfy, statutory and regulatory requirements needed to approve another three year waiver. Therefore, we ask for your approval of a request for six months, the amount of time the State views as adequate to enable HCFA to fully review the previously mentioned plans of correction and other documents that may still be requested by HCFA.

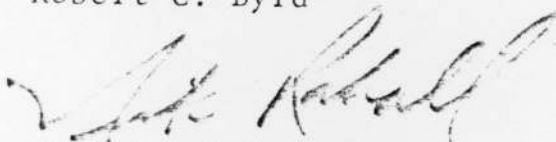
In closing, we wish to underscore the level of commitment we have for this waiver program. Congress authorized the waiver in order to give the states a critical tool to assist a small portion of Americans to stay out of institutions and to achieve the resultant cost savings and other important benefits. West Virginia has an impressive track record of using the waiver to provide quality care to certain disabled and elderly citizens, and reports success in reaching the results that Congress hoped for. We seek your assistance in recognizing the State's performance and in enabling it to continue, with necessary alternations made, a program that has such a positive impact on everyone.

Please know that we are fully committed to this program. Contact us immediately if we can be of further help. We hope to hear from you soon about your decision, and are confident that a mutually satisfactory arrangement can be worked out to ensure the continuation of the waiver in West Virginia.

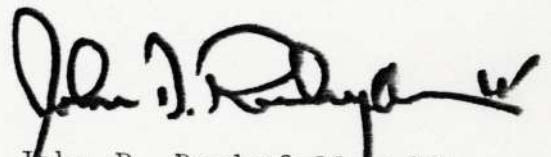
Best regards.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Byrd



Nick Joe Rahall II



John D. Rockefeller IV



Alan B. Mollohan

Harley O. Staggers, Jr.

Robert E. Wise, Jr.

Special Ed art camp  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

MEMORANDUM

Dan Harrison

Box 106 Harper, WV

Age 20

Grade TMI (Ungraded)

Title: Cherry Blossoms

School East Beckley  
119 Deegans St.  
Beckley, WV

Teacher Mrs. Janie Young

*regular comp.*

JAN CLARKSON  
AGE: 17, GRADE: 12th

Route 1, Box 210-A  
Bluefield, WV 24701

"WATCHING-WAITING-COAL COUNTRY,  
WEST VIRGINIA"

Tempera

Bluefield High School  
Bluefield, WV 24701

Margie Kish - *teacher*

FRICK C. BOUCHER  
5th DISTRICT, VIRGINIA



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*Done 6-10*

June 12, 1985

*NJR -*  
*Do you want*  
*to assign*  
*me*  
*Yes +*  
*Jerry*  
*P.R.*

Dear House Budget Conferee:

The House-passed budget resolution provides \$134 million in new budget authority for the Appalachian Regional Commission in fiscal year 1986--a 10 percent decrease from the 1985 level.

We are writing to urge you to support the House position on funding for the ARC in the budget conference committee. As representatives from the Appalachian region we strongly oppose the Senate-passed budget resolution which would provide no budget authority for the ARC in fiscal year 1986.

*JB -*  
*This letter*  
*will go out*  
*Wed. or Thurs.*  
*me*

With ARC assistance, we have made great strides toward bringing the Appalachian region into the mainstream of American economic life. ARC assistance has helped to transform the dismal picture of Appalachia drawn in the 1960s into a portrait of hope and achievement in the 1980s. But the picture is not yet complete. The ARC Governors have prepared a program to integrate the Appalachian region into the mainstream of the national economy, and the House-passed budget resolution provides the funds that we need to continue our efforts toward that end.

The flurry of economic activity generated by ARC assisted projects has resulted in new tax revenues for federal, state and local governments, revenues in excess of the modest investment we have made in the ARC during the past 20 years. The ARC makes economic sense for Appalachia and the nation as we work to enhance economic development and ease the federal deficit dilemma.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom Bevill  
Chairman,  
Subcommittee on Energy and  
Water Development

Rick Boucher  
Member of Congress

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NJR - Do you  
want to co-sign  
these 2 letters

Re: Soc. Sec. COLA.

~~Yes~~  
~~Levy - NJR~~  
me

C.W. BILL YOUNG  
8TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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June 5, 1985

Hon. Pete V. Domenici  
Chairman  
Senate Budget Committee  
434 Dirksen S.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

One of the most important issues to be reconciled by the Conference Committee on the budget resolution pertains to the full payment of scheduled Social Security cost-of-living increases.

We, the undersigned members of The Social Security Caucus, believe the Senate conferees should recede to the House position that **full cost-of-living increases be paid as scheduled.** Congress established the Social Security system 50 years ago as an autonomous, self-supporting system, funded through employee and employer contributions. The trust fund's surplus cannot be used to pay for agriculture, defense, or education programs, public works projects, interest on the national debt, or anything other than social security benefits. For this reason, we believe that freezing or reducing Social Security cost-of-living adjustments simply provides false budgetary savings because the trust funds operate independently from the general Treasury accounts.

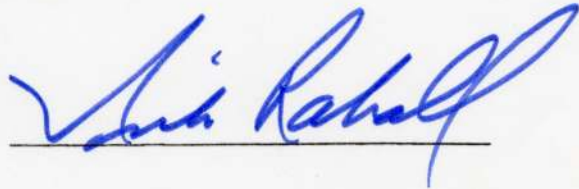
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All too often in the past, the Social Security system has been chipped away at through piecemeal amendments to budget resolutions and tax legislation. We believe it is important

to prevent any future attempts to undermine the Social Security system, which further erodes the confidence of the 36 million Social Security recipients and the millions of workers who are now contributing to the system and expect to receive their fair share of benefits when they retire.

Again, we strongly urge you to recede to the House position to provide full scheduled Social Security cost-of-living adjustments.

Sincerely,



C.W. BILL YOUNG  
8TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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Chairman  
House Budget Committee  
204 Cannon H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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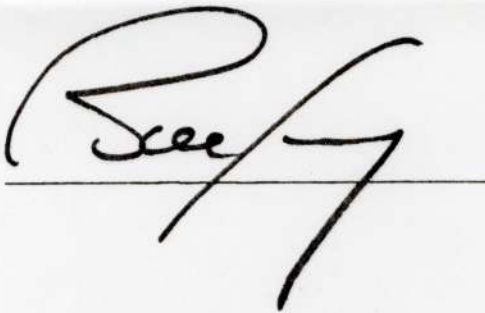

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Again, we strongly urge you to remain firm in your support of the House position to provide full scheduled Social Security cost-of-living adjustments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", written over a horizontal line.A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Rahall", written over a horizontal line.

# House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

MEMORANDUM

6/05/85

To: NJR

From: MED

Attached is a copy of a letter which will be sent to members of the Conference Committee urging them to include a full COLA in the FY 86 budget.

You are being asked to sign this as a member of the "COLA Coalition."

Do you want to sign?

*Yes*

*OK-called  
Claire will  
bring the letter  
by before 4:00  
today. 6/05/85  
map*

H. JAMES SAXTON  
13TH DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

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*Rohall*

Dear House Conferee:

We would like to take this opportunity to contact you regarding your assignment to the conference committee deliberating the fiscal year 1986 federal budget.

As members of the COLA Coalition in the House of Representatives, we feel it is imperative that Social Security COLAs be fully maintained in the final budget package. This is not simply a budget issue; it is a fairness issue. We asked the elderly to accept some bitter changes in the Social Security Amendments of 1983. Is it now fair to ask them to accept further cutbacks?

The COLA Coalition was organized as a forum for Members to express their commitment to keeping the COLAs in the budget. We respectfully request that you vote to keep the full COLA in the budget package and impress upon your fellow conferees the importance of maintaining full COLAs for our Senior Citizens.

Sincerely,