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Washington, D.C. -- Fourth District Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today announced the support of key Congressional leaders to accept Secretary of Labor Bill Brock's 11th hour recommendation for additional funding to eliminate the massive backlog of Black Lung cases still awaiting review at the Department of Labor.

"After challenging the President on Saturday during my nationwide radio address to join me in efforts to reduce the the human misery being caused by his Labor Department's inability to process more than 21,000 backlogged Black Lung cases, some of which have been pending for a decade or more. I am pleased that he has seen the light and is now requesting this money," Rep. Rahall stated.