

news from ... Congressman Nick Rahall

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Rahall Joins Colleagues in Flood Relief Efforts

Washington, D.C. -- Fourth District Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) joined with his colleagues in the West Virginia Delegation in the House to urge President Reagan to waive the regulations which would require 75 percent to 25 percent federal to state matching monies for flood relief due to the fact that the state disaster relief fund has been depleted. The text of the letter to the President is seen below.

"I feel that we are deserving of this break due to the recent disaster which has befallen our state and I am hopeful that the President will see the wisdom of allowing West Virginia to begin to clean up after the massive flooding which invaded much of our state," Rep. Rahall said.

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The Honorable Ronald Wilson Reagan
Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

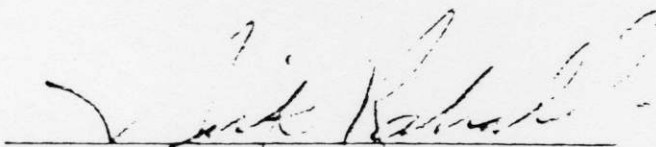
Dear Mr. President:


We are writing in regard to the flood that has devastated West Virginia and the tremendous problems left in its wake.


The State of West Virginia has exhausted its disaster relief resources by virtue of the work already completed. Due to the extraordinary damage done to our state, we ask that you waive the 75 percent to 25 percent federal to state matching regulations. We further request that you base your decision on statute language which calls for the state to pay a "reasonable share" of costs, and allow West Virginia's contribution to this point to be considered a reasonable share.


Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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