

TAPE FOR WEEK OF MAY 12

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

EVER SINCE PASSAGE OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT IN 1970, THE LEVELS OF SULFUR DIOXIDE EMISSIONS IN THE AIR AND ACIDITY IN THE WATER HAVE STEADILY DECLINED. YET, THERE ARE SOME WHO CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR UNNECESSARY CONTROLS ON THE COAL INDUSTRY AS A MEANS OF ELIMINATING ACID RAIN.

A BILL TO IMPOSE EVEN TIGHTER REINS ON THE COAL INDUSTRY HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE. THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS LEGISLATION ARE STAGGERING. IN WEST VIRGINIA ALONE, SOME SEVEN THOUSAND WORKERS WOULD BE DISPLACED, BASED ON A RECENT U.M.W.A. STUDY.

IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO ME THAT ANYONE WOULD SUGGEST ENACTING A BILL WITH SUCH A MASSIVE IMPACT ON THE ALREADY DEPRESSED COAL-PRODUCING REGIONS OF THIS COUNTRY.

IN ADDITION, OUR ELECTRICITY RATES WOULD SKYROCKET, NEGATIVELY AFFECTING OUR CONSUMERS.

YOU CAN BE SURE THAT I WILL FIGHT THIS OUTLANDISH LEGISLATION WHICH UNFAIRLY BURDENS AN ALREADY OVERBURDENED COAL INDUSTRY. I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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