

TAPE FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

IN THE RECENT BUDGET SENT TO CONGRESS BY THE PRESIDENT, WE WERE CONFRONTED WITH CUTS IN FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND FOR MANY OTHER PROGRAMS WHICH AFFECT THE ABILITY OF OUR NATION'S STUDENTS TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION.

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT AT THE SAME TIME THE PRESIDENT IS CUTTING BACK ON EDUCATIONAL FUNDING, THE PENTAGON ENJOYED A HEALTHY INCREASE AND THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF HAS SPELLED OUT HIS DREAM OF A FUTURISTIC PLANE WHICH WILL GET PEOPLE FROM WASHINGTON TO TOKYO IN TWO HOURS.

I DO NOT FIND THIS ACCEPTABLE AND YOU CAN BE SURE THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR RPRIORITIES ARE IN THE RIGHT ORDER. THE BEST DEFENSE OF OUR NATION LIES NOT IN MISGUIDED MISSILE SYSTEMS OR SUPERSONIC TRANSPORTS BUT IN THE MINDS OF OUR COUNTRY'S YOUNG PEOPLE, OUR MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE.

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