

TAPE FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

AS CONGRESS BEGINS TO WORK ON THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU, THE PEOPLE, TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS DESTINED FOR THE BUDGET KNIFE. SLATED FOR OUTRIGHT TERMINATION ARE MANY PROGRAMS VITAL TO US IN WEST VIRGINIA, SUCH AS AMTRAK, THE A.R.C., SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICES, ~~FLOOD~~ PREVENTION, COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANTS, UDAG'S, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, AND REVENUE SHARING.

TARGETED FOR HEFTY CUTS IN FUNDING ARE VETERANS BENEFITS AND SERVICES, MEDICARE AND SEVERAL HIGHWAY PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS MANY HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

I WOULD NOT q HOWEVER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WILL ENJOY A HEALTHY INCREASE IN THEIR BUDGET AT THE SAME TIME WE IN WEST VIRGINIA ARE BEING ASKED TO CUT BACK.

I PLEDGE TO YOU THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR PROGRAMS THAT WILL HELP THE PEOPLE OF WEST VIRGINIA, AND NOT SOME FAT-CAT DEFENSE CONTRACTOR. WE NEED MORE FROM OUR GOVERNMENT THAN TO BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO TOKYO IN TWO HOURS.

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