

TAPE FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

LAST WEEK, IN A STIRRING STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, THE PRESIDENT GAVE HIS OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY. TO LISTEN TO HIM, ONE WOULD THINK THAT A MAJOR ECONOMIC BOOM HAD GRIPPED THE NATION.

WE IN WEST VIRGINIA KNOW BETTER. THE PRESIDENT'S ROSY OPTIMISM CANNOT BRIGHTEN THE DARKNESS IN WHICH WE ARE SURROUNDED IN WEST VIRGINIA. WE HAVE FALLEN UPON HARD TIMES, AND THINGS LOOK LIKE THEY WILL GET WORSE BEFORE WE CAN SEE A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE DARKNESS.

WHILE THE PRESIDENT MAY HAVE HIS SIGHTS SET ON TRAVELLING FROM WASHINGTON TO TOKYO IN TWO HOURS, I KNOW THAT WE IN WEST VIRGINIA WOULD PREFER TO JUST BE ABLE TO RELY ON AMTRAK OR A SAFE HIGHWAY TO REACH OTHER PARTS OF OUR GREAT STATE.

WHILE THE PRESIDENT MAY HAVE HIS SIGHTS ON FANTASY, WE ARE FORCED TO FACE REALITY. I BELIEVE THAT WE IN WEST VIRGINIA MUST LET THE PRESIDENT KNOW THAT HE CANNOT FOOL US. I URGE YOU TO WRITE HIM AT THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY AND LET HIM KNOW OF YOUR NEEDS AND PRIORITIES.

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