

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 20

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THIS WEEK, THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 99TH CONGRESS GETS UNDER WAY. IT IS ALSO THE BEGINNING OF AN ELECTION YEAR. I AM TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PLEDGE TO YOU THAT IN NO WAY WILL I ALLOW ELECTION YEAR CONSIDERATIONS TO AFFECT THE WAY I VOTE ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO WEST VIRGINIANS.

YOU HAVE HONORED ME BY RETURNING ME TO THE CONGRESS FOR FIVE TERMS. TO ME, THIS REPRESENTS A BOND, A TRUST BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE. I CHERISH THIS BOND AND WOULD DO NOTHING TO HARM IT.

I HAVE BEEN PROUD TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, KEEPING THE NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF YOU FOREMOST IN MIND.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT AS WE BEGIN TO CONSIDER LEGISLATION AFFECTING US IN WEST VIRGINIA, MY NUMBER ONE PRIORITY REMAINS THE PEOPLE I AM PROUD TO SERVE -- YOU.

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