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HOUSE PASSES FUNDING FOR AMTRAK "CARDINAL RUN, RAHALL SAYS

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) said today that the Transportation appropriations bill passed by the House this afternoon provides funding for Amtrak's "Cardinal" run through southern West Virginia.

The bill contained some \$613 million for grants to Amtrak. "Although President Reagan has consistently proposed elimination of federal aid to Amtrak, Congress has repeatedly rejected his proposals," Rahall told his colleagues. "It is expected that this funding level will allow for the continuation of all existing routes and services. This includes the "Cardinal" line which runs through southern West Virginia and provides the only means of transportation for many in that area. We have suffered the loss of bus services and other essential transportation systems throughout southern West Virginia and cannot afford a loss in Amtrak services."

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