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HOUSE PASSES HIGHER EDUCATION BILL; RAHALL LAUDS PROVISIONS

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) said that the Higher Education bill passed by the House today will help to provide much-needed aid to students in West Virginia who might not otherwise have the chance to further their education.

"I feel that this measure begins to bring our funding policies for education programs back from the destructive path into which the administration has led us," Rahall told his colleagues. "This report which we are voting on today represents a bipartisan rejection of the Administration's proposals for deep cuts in higher education."

Among the programs authorized by this bill are Pell Grants; Guaranteed Student Loans; Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants; National Direct Student Loans; Income-contingent loan demonstration projects; College Work Study; TRIO, special services for the disadvantaged; State Student Incentive Grants; Merit Scholarships; Child care grants; Veterans services; Continuing Education; College Libraries; Teacher training; International Education; Facilities construction; Cooperative education; Graduate education; Postsecondary improvement; and Urban universities.

"I am confident that this bill will go a long way toward allowing those students to complete their education regardless of financial hardship," Rahall observed. "I firmly believe that the best defense and long-term security of this nation lies not in misguided-missile silos but in the minds of our young generation -- our future leaders."

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