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RAHALL URGES OPPOSITION TO TRAILWAYS ABANDONMENT OF SOUTHERN W. VA.

Beckley, W. Va. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today urged Trailways not to abandon its routes through southern West Virginia, and asked that the residents of the affected areas attend the Public Service Commission hearings on Tuesday and Wednesday as a show of support.

"Bus service in the areas that Trailway is planning to move out of -- Welch, Keystone, Bramwell, Bluefield, and Princeton -- is the only mode of transportation for so many of the elderly, handicapped, and impoverished citizens of those areas," Rahall noted. "Any withdrawal of service would be an extreme hardship to the residents of the area, as well as a blow to economic development in the area. This would also present a formidable deterrent to attracting new businesses, as well as handicapping existing businesses which are already facing hard times."

Rahall urged all citizens to attend the hearing of the Public Service Commission at the McDowell County Library on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m., and at the Bluefield Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15. "A great turnout will indicate the strong support of and need for continued bus service," Rahall pointed out.

"I have, in the past, worked to keep bus service in West Virginia, and I intend to make every effort to ensure that the people of southern West Virginia are not once again left stranded by the lack of bus service," Rahall said. Rahall testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1983 objecting to any reduction or withdrawal of bus service in southern West Virginia.

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