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RAHALL ANNOUNCES SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVAL OF HUNTINGTON VA FUNDS

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) announced today that a key House Veterans Affairs subcommittee has recommended \$43.4 million in funds for the expansion of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Huntington.

"The Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care has earmarked \$43.4 million for expansion and improvements at the Huntington V.A. Medical Center. The full committee is expected to pass these recommendations on April 23 and I do not foresee the funds being in jeopardy at that time," Rahall said. "I am hopeful that approval by the full Veterans Affairs Committee will be followed by swift action by the full House in passing this funding measure."

Rahall added that Senator Robert Byrd is monitoring the progress of these funds in the Senate.

"The veterans residing in the Tri-State area depend on the availability of quality care at the Huntington V.A.M.C.," Rahall said. "It serves 144,000 veterans throughout the area and there is a true and dire need for this expansion project and the services it will provide."

"The veterans served by the Huntington V.A.M.C. are not asking for extravagant or luxurious reform of this V.A. facility. All they want, and all we are asking for, is that their health care needs be addressed in a timely fashion through the use of adequate pace and up-to-date medical equipment," Rahall added. "I commend the subcommittee on its action and wise use of these funds."

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