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RAHALL MOVES TO AID DISPLACED WORKERS

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today that he has signed on as an original co-sponsor of a bill that will provide financing for workers who have lost jobs as a result of foreign competition and unfair trade policies.

The legislation would provide funds for adjustment to international competition, permit additional weeks of unemployment compensation for individuals in a job retraining program for displaced workers, and strengthen job training programs for those workers under Title III of the Job Partnership Training Act.

Rahall said that helping displaced workers is the responsibility of government, and the states need help.

"The retraining of workers cannot and should not be done by the states alone," Rahall said. "Federal involvement is needed whether it is in the form of direct funding, the passage of legislation leading to fair trade policies or both."

Rahall said, "This measure would definitely aid my district in southern West Virginia, a region which has experienced high unemployment rates recently due to poor metallurgical coal markets."

"Passage of this legislation will allow a quicker response by government to distressed industries and displaced workers," Rahall said. "It will also dramatically improve the availability of retraining and new skills education for those who need it most."

The program will be financed through the imposition of a small duty on all imports.

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