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RAHALL ANNOUNCES TRADE READJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR WEST VIRGINIA

HUNTINGTON, W.VA. - U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall (D-W.Va.) today announced
the approval of additional Trade Readjustment Assistance applications for
the State of West Virginia.

According to Rahall, the U.S. Department of Labor has allocated the state an additional \$158,700 which will aid workers laid off as a result of foreign competition.

"The TRA's will assist workers by providing extended unemployment compensation, training funds and job search and relocation allowances,"

Rahall said. "Unfair trade tactics have caused chaos in many areas. It is my belief that if a fair trade policy cannot be pursued, then it is the government's responsibility to assist those who lost their jobs as the result of such."

The award to West Virginia is the third received by the state this current fiscal year. So far the total granted, including the newly announced amount, has been \$757,275.

"Now that the funds have been appropriated to West Virginia, it is the duty of the state government to disburse the funds to the unemployed workers so they may attend various classes and continue their search for employment," Rahall pointed out.