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RAHALL ANNOUNCES FUNDS FOR REMOVAL OF HANDICAPPED BARRIERS

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall (D-W.Va.) today announced that the U.S. Department of Education has set aside more than \$400,000 for the state of West Virginia to make buildings accessible to the handicapped.

The funds were made possible through Section 607 of the Education of the Handicapped Act, more commonly known as Removal of Architectural Barriers to the Handicapped.

"This grant to the state can help make many of our older buildings accesible to those who have mobility impairments," Rahall said. "Many of our schools and other public buildings are without ramps, elevators and even restroom facilities for handicapped persons."

Funds were allocated to the states based on the number of handicapped children served. In West Virginia, 44,190 handicapped children were served and the total grant award is \$403,398.