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## RAHALL APPOINTS MERCER COUNTY'S WILLIAM SANDERS TO CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HUNTINGTON, W.VA. -- U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) has appointed Mercer County's William Sanders to the Advisory Board of the Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus. Rahall serves on the Steering Committee of the organization.

The Caucus is a bipartisan organization of Members of Congress who are interested in the importance of travel and tourism to the economy. It's primary function is to serve as a forum to exchange information and research and to develop legislative recommendations. The Advisory Board currently consists of 65 individuals from across the Nation and provides private sector input to the Caucus.

"William Sanders is uniquely qualified to serve on the Advisory Board due to his participation in the National Conference on Scenic Byways, his membership on the New River Parkway Authority and his outstanding initiative relating to the "ridgeway" extension of the New River Parkway," Rahall said. Mr. Sanders is an attorney and is also the president of the Parkway Inn International of Bluefield.

Rahall said that it will take a joint private sector-government effort to foster the development of a substantial tourism trade in southern West Virginia. "My legislative efforts in the Congress to establish a Coal Heritage Trail in southern West Virginia and to create new units of the National Park System will provide the private sector with the incentive to invest in a tourism infrastructure. This means a diversified economy and new employment opportunities," Rahall said.

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