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RAHALL TELLS GUN CLUB THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS WILL NOT BE INFRINGED

Beckley, W.Va. - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) addressing a meeting
of the Beckley Gun Club, tonight said that he will continue to ensure that
the Federal Government does not infringe citizens rights to keep and bear
arms. Rahall's remarks came as he praised a newly qualified group of
marksmen on the skill required to accurately fire weapons.

"As a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, I strongly stand for the rights of gun owners and our right to bear arms. In West Virginia, we have a tradition, a Mountaineer tradition of hunting, which requires great skill with firearms," Rahall commented.

Rahall also commented on his vote in favor of an amendment that repealed a seven day waiting period before the purchase of a handgun. That provision was a portion of the Omnibus Drug Initiative Act of 1988.

"I am proud to have voted for an amendment that deleted the waiting period from the language of that bill," Rahall said. "I have always and will continue in the future to fight to ensure that our constitutional right to keep and bear arms is not infringed upon by the Federal Government."

Rahall concluded his remarks by praising the Beckley Gun Club and stating that through education and care, guns can be tools that provide recreation and protection.