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RAHALL INVITES WITNESSES TO ARC HEARING

WASHINGTON D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) today announced he has invited several West Virginians to testify before the House Subcommittee on Economic Development about the future of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Among those invited are: Governor Gaston Caperton, Sam Kapourales, Mayor of the City of Williamson, Thomas Esposito, Mayor of the City of Logan, Dr. David Corcoran, Publisher, The Welch Daily News, Mr. Marshall Reynolds, Chairman of the Board, Key Centurion Bancshares, Inc., Dr. Charles H. McKown, Jr. Dean and Vice President, Marshall University School of Medicine, Joan Ross, Executive Director, Southwestern Community Action, Norma Jessee, Executive Director, Raleigh County CAA, Michele P. Craig, Executive Director, Region II Planning and Development Council, Norman Kirkham, Executive Director, Region I Planning and Development Council, Richard W. Wilkinson, President, The First National Bank of Bluefield, Elizabeth Williams, Chairman, Ravencliff, Saulsville, and McGraws Public Service District.

"These individuals have a full understanding of the important role the Appalachian Regional Commission will play in West Virginia's coming decades. As we approach the 21st Century, Appalachia will need to fuel its economic base with a sound infrastructure of highways and bridges, water and wastewater treatment systems, and health and education facilities.

"We in West Virginia must accelerate our economic diversification, and rely more heavily on our other natural resources other than coal. We must look to other industries which could flourish in our state, such as mining related industries, wood products, telecommunications, and high technology products.

"These individuals understand this. My hearing will put them on the record giving me the needed firepower to convince my colleagues in the Congress of the good work of the ARC." Rahall said.