



U.S. Congressman

**Nick Rahall***WORKING FOR WEST VIRGINIANS*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 11, 1994CONTACT: KENT KEYSER  
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Phone: (202) 225-3452**RAHALL ANNOUNCES CSX WITHDRAWALS****TRACK ABANDONMENT APPLICATION**

BECKLEY, WV -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall today announced the Interstate Commerce Commission has informed him that the CSX Transportation, Inc.'s request to abandon 122 miles of railroad line in West Virginia has been withdrawn.

"I applaud CSX's decision in this matter. It is my hope by withdrawing the application, CSX recognizes the tremendous economic opportunity that exists in this area of our State. I would welcome sitting down with CSX officials and area development experts to take full advantage of the area's potential," Rahall said.

"To have abandoned the line would have been penny wise and pound foolish," Rahall said. "There is no question CSX could use more customers along the line, but it is equally true that this area holds a positive outlook for expanded business activity in the future."

The CSX line is located in Barbour, Randolph, Pocahontas, and Webster Counties. CSX had filed an application to abandon the line with the ICC on August 31, 1993.

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