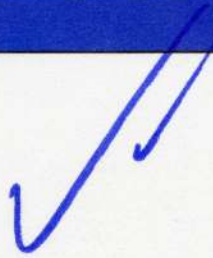


U.S. Congressman
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RAHALL ANNOUNCES \$1.8 MILLION TO EASE CLOSURE OF OWENS-BROCKWAY

WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) announced today that the U.S. Department of Labor approved a \$1.8 million grant to assist workers dislocated from the Owens-Brockway Glass Container Corporation located in Huntington.

This funding will be used to provide essential training for approximately 150 workers who were dislocated when the plant closed last month. "Many of these individuals have only worked at the Owens-Brockway plant, and they are in need of training to develop skills which will enable them to compete for other types of jobs, said Rahall. "Training is vital to give these individuals the opportunity to return to being productive members of the work force."

Basic readjustment services to be offered include assessment, career counseling, job search assistance, job placement assistance, and job development. Retraining services will also be available, including GED preparation and occupational skills classroom training. Participants may also receive child care, commuting assistance, financial and personal counseling, and needs-related payments.

"As soon as I found out that the State had applied for this grant, I personally contacted the Department of Labor to stress the importance of this grant for the future employment opportunities of the affected workers," said Rahall.

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MEMO

TO: KK
 FR: RC
 DT: 4-22-94
 RE: OWENS BROCKWAY GRANT

LAST MONDAY KENNY PARTLOW AND SHARON PORTER CAME TO HDO TO DISCUSS THE DISCRETIONARY GRANT THAT THE STATE HAD APPLIED FOR TO HELP WITH TRAINING FOR FORMER OWENS EMPLOYEES. I DID A LETTER OF SUPPORT AND CALL DOL TWICE. THE GRANT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY. I CALLED KENNY TO TELL HIM, AND HE SAID HE IS GOING TO TELL EVERYBODY THAT NICK RAHALL IS THE PERSON WHO GOT THIS GRANT THROUGH. THEY'VE BEEN WAITING FOR MONTHS ON THIS MONEY, AND AFTER ASKING NJR FOR ASSISTANCE THEY HAD IT IN ABOUT 10 DAYS. I THOUGHT CMAN MAY WANT TO CALL KENNY AT (304) 453-3227.

RC
 on Grant job
 ✓ in called Kenny
 4/22/94 4:00 p.m.
 please. have details for
 Kenny & then to stop
 by Htn D.O. & pick-up.
 Htk - Fat to
 523-2679

KIL **RC**

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Message:

ATTACHED IS INFORMATION ABOUT A \$1,800,000 DISCRETIONARY TITLE III - EDWAA GRANT WHICH SECRETARY REICH APPROVED TODAY TO ASSIST WORKERS DISLOCATED FROM THE OWENS-BROCKWAY GLASS CONTAINER, CORP. LOCATED IN HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA..

IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION OR IF I CAN BE OF FURTHER HELP, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT 202-219-6141, EXT. 16, IN THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

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112 California Avenue, Room 616
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

STATE CONTACT PERSON: Quetta Muzzle

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (304) 538-1138

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PROJECTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 150

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GEOGRAPHIC AREA COVERED: The City of Huntington; and the Counties of Cabell, Lincoln, Wayne, Mason and Putnam.

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