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RAHALL SAVES ALLEN JUNCTION

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) announced today that the Allen Junction Post Office, which had been in danger of closing, has received an extended five year lease.

Rahall, who had fought early on this year to see that Allen Junction received a sixty day extension when it was being threatened with immediate closing, received the news today from David Clark, the Charleston division director of the United States Postal Service.

"David has assured me that the Allen Junction Post Office will receive a five-year lease no later than March 9th," said Rahall.

In early January of this year, the U.S. Postal Service had decided that they were not going to renegotiate the current lease which would allow the post office to fold. Strong public reaction and harsh criticism from Rep. Rahall gave the post office a new lease on life.

"We fought to save Allen Junction and we did," said Rahall. "Allen Junction represents more than just the saving of an individual post office but rather of an American institution. We can no longer sit idly by and watch modern technology tear away at those things that represent our heritage. The small town post office is an American icon, and we can no sooner afford to lose it as lose the Statue of Liberty."

Rahall added that he will be holding Congressional hearings in Beckley sometime in the near future regarding the gradual net loss of post offices, either through closings or reduced hours.

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