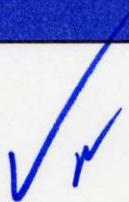


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**PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED ON BLACK LUNG**

LOGAN, WV -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) has scheduled a press conference for Thursday, November 29th, at 1:00 p.m. in his Logan District Office, to introduce the "Black Lung Benefits Act of 1991."

The bill, which Rahall will introduce at the beginning of the next session, will not only reform the eligibility requirements so only a single piece of evidence is needed to qualify for black lung benefits, but also make eligibility easier for widows and dependents. The bill also addresses the application process, elimination of responsible operators, and the ending of offsets (the practice of offsetting a miner's Social Security Benefits by the amount of the black lung benefits).

Rahall will be accompanied by representatives of the National Black Lung Association and local black lung groups.

Congressman Rahall's Logan District Office is located in the R K Building at Stratton and Main Streets, across from the courthouse in Logan.

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