



U.S. Congressman  
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*WORKING FOR WEST VIRGINIANS*

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**RAHALL APPLAUDS EFFORTS OF THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE  
-- HOPES AN ORDERLY RETURN TO POWER AWAITS GORBACHEV --**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today voiced his pleasure at the return of Mikhail Gorbachev:

"If reports are true, the history of freedom has turned a new page. Those who cherish liberty should remember well this lesson learned from the Russian people, who stood firmly against the oppressive tactics of the Soviet hardliners.

I hope that there will be an orderly return to power and an immediate return to the relationship the Soviets and Americans enjoyed prior to this week's events."

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