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**RAHALL JOINS SUPPORTERS TO URGE "NOTCH REFORM"**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) joined with the members of End Notch Discrimination (END) yesterday in urging the Congress to bring Notch reform legislation, specifically HR 917, to the floor of the House of Representatives by the end of this summer.

"12 million of our nation's retirees are receiving reduced Social Security benefits because they were born between 1917 and 1926," Rahall pointed out. "It cannot be allowed to continue and this is the year to make a difference."

The "notch" problem is a result of 1977 changes in the law which sought to correct problems in the benefits calculation formula from 1972. Since 1977, numerous bill have been introduced to correct the notch problem and none have been successful.

Rahall said that any costs fixing the notch might incur could be offset through reductions in foreign aid.

"I have seen many forms of discrimination in my life but few are as absurd as discrimination against a particular age bracket," said Rahall. "These people have paid into the social security system just like everyone else, and yet they are made to suffer reduced benefits through no fault of their own."

Rahall said that the chances for bringing a notch reform bill to the floor this summer were good. HR 917 already has 284 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives and 42 co-sponsors in the Senate.

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