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RAHALL THROWS SUPPORT TOWARD EQUIPMENT TAX CREDIT

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Citing the need for an more aggressive economic strategy to revive the economy, U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today announced his support for HR 4902, an investment tax credit targeted toward the purchase of equipment used in manufacturing, production, or extraction.

"We need to give our local businesses every opportunity to thrive and to reinvest in America," said Rahall. "This temporary tax credit will help to stimulate our economy and pull us from the grip of our lingering recession."

The investment tax credit for machinery and equipment had been part of the economic recovery plan forwarded by Congress and vetoed by the President. Designed as a tool to aid small businesses, the tax credit enjoys wide support in Congress and could pass as a free-standing bill.

Rahall said the tax credits temporary nature and specific targeting will help to minimize its potential revenue costs. HR 4902 would provide a 10 percent tax credit for investments made in manufacturing and production property that a taxpayer places in service in the United States before January 1, 1994.

"The economic engines are sputtering and the American people are looking to government to provide fresh approaches to our economic woes," said Rahall. "This is just such an approach, and I think Congress should move to bring this legislation to the floor as quickly as possible."

The legislation is pending before the House Ways and Means Committee.

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