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Dear Friends:

Welcome back to Huntington. In between seeing old friends and meeting new ones, swapping some old stories and maybe even listening to what might be best described as a tall tale or two from my dear friend George Hanna, I hope you have a chance to get around the City.

I think you will find some pleasant and inviting changes that have occurred since the last reunion here. Almost weekly, a new enterprise or some innovative event is born or grows from the one of the previous year.

I take particular pride in having a major hand in landing the \$27 million dollars in federal funding it took to forge a public private sector partnership to develop Pullman Square. Pullman has been a central magnet in attracting redevelopment to the City.

Those kinds of partnerships help keep our local, even our regional economies strong. And yes, they vividly demonstrate how government can work, and work well. Hand in hand with the private sector in fact. That's a sound message for business and families as well.

While I am always with you in spirit, this reunion brings back the most heartfelt and warmest memories. It's not just the food, the friends or the dancing, especially if my ever young Aunt Elaine gets to attend this year, that while delicious to one's cherished memories, it's each of you.

Thank the Almighty for the blessings of freedom bestowed on this great Nation of ours. Americans can all be individually as different from one another as our talents and determination will allow, and yet our collective history, heritage and family so solidly ground us.

The Kfeirian Reunion celebrates the best of our shared ancestry, our blood as well as our grandfathers neighboring village streets. It, like the many other American reunions celebrated throughout the year, reminds us of something essential to the continued value of our nation. When we work together, we are a heck of a lot stronger than when we work against one another.

God bless and I hope to see you soon.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nick Rahall".

NICK J. RAHALL, II
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