

## Congressman Rothman Votes in Favor of Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

(Washington, DC)

— Today, Congressman Steve Rothman (D — Fair Lawn) voted for the Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations Bills, H.R. 1105. This legislation passed the House 245 to 178.

“Last year, President Bush refused to work with Congress to pass and implement nine of the twelve Fiscal Year 2009 spending bills,” said Rothman. “Instead, he insisted on making unacceptable cuts to energy research, healthcare, education, law enforcement and biomedical research. This bill works in harmony with the economic recovery package (“The Stimulus Bill”), addressing the country’s immediate needs while investing in our long term economic growth.”

Several of the local projects that Congressman Rothman had been advocating for, received funding under the bill: \$500,000 dollars for the City of Englewood for sanitary sewer replacement; \$500,000 dollars to the Borough of Edgewater’s police and emergency units for service equipment upgrades; \$100,000 dollars to the Town of Secaucus’s police department for a new dispatch system; \$285,000 dollars to the Township of North Bergen for its streetscape improvements on JFK Boulevard East to improve pedestrian safety; and \$95,000 dollars to the Borough of North Arlington to purchase a new vehicle to transport needy and homebound seniors.

Across the country, the fiscal year 2009 appropriations bills will increase funding for renewable energy and energy efficiency efforts; make investments in cutting edge science; improve access to quality, affordable healthcare; invest in K-12 education and help more Americans send their kids to college; help American workers during these tough economic times; insure clean air and water, safe foods and medicines; and strengthen regulatory agencies that have long been neglected.

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