

Congressman Rothman Receives A+ Rating on Middle Class Scorecard

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— Today, Congressman Steve Rothman (D — NJ), received an A+ rating from the Drum Major Institute for Public Policy on their annual Congressional Scorecard.

The Scorecard is an analysis of Congressional legislation that impacts American's ability to reach what is called a "middle class standard of living," including a secure job, a safe and stable home, access to healthcare, retirement security, time off for vacation, illness and other life events, opportunities to save for the future and avoid crippling debt, and the capability to provide a good education for one's children.

"What an honor to receive an A+ rating from the Drum Major Institute in this important survey of Congressional voting in support of the middle class," said Rothman. "In the face of the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, our families are getting squeezed by everyday living expenses, paying their mortgage, meeting the expense of college for their children and holding on to a job."

Rep. Rothman, along with Rep. Donald Payne, were the only two members of the New Jersey Congressional delegation to receive A+ ratings. Notably, Rep. Rothman voted against H.R 1424, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, providing \$700 billion to purchase troubled financial assets, also known as the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). The Drum Major Institute called this a vote against the middle class saying it was a top-down bailout, and instead asked for a stabilization of the credit markets from the bottom up.

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Drum Major Institute 2008 Congressional Scorecard issues each member of Congress, as well as the House and Senate as a whole, and each party, a letter grade based on votes on legislation that impacts the middle class. Bills were selected that, if passed, would impact middle-class Americans as well as low-income Americans striving for a middle-class standard of living.

The
entire Scorecard can be found online at: <http://www.themiddleclass.org/>.

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