

## Congressman Rothman Votes for 2010 Budget That Reduces the Deficit and Cuts Taxes

(Washington, DC) &ndash; Today, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ) voted in favor of the Budget Conference Report, S.Con.Res. 13, which passed the U.S. House by a vote of 233-193. On April 2nd, the House passed the initial Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Resolution, H.Con.Res. 85. The Congressional Budget Resolution is an agreement between the House and the Senate on a budget plan for the upcoming four fiscal years. It is a framework for subsequent legislative action.

&ldquo;This budget plan cuts taxes, reduces the deficit, puts restraints on spending and makes targeted investments for small businesses, health care, energy and education that will grow the economy and create jobs,&rdquo; said Rothman. &ldquo;In addition, this budget agreement directs Congress to set forth a plan to overhaul the nation&rsquo;s health care system and reform the federal student loan program, by October 15, 2009.&rdquo;

While the budget process is an important step in outlining our national spending priorities, it is ultimately the Appropriations Committee, of which Rep. Rothman has been a member since 2001, which makes the final recommendations on all federal spending.

This long term economic plan will cut the deficit nearly two-thirds by 2013. It cuts taxes for middle class families and small businesses by \$1.7 trillion. It will create jobs and grow our economy with targeted investments and reforms in health care, clean energy and education while reducing non-defense discretionary spending to its lowest level in nearly 50 years. This long term economic plan ushers in a new era of honesty in budgeting by fully accounting for expenses like the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. This budget also makes an unprecedented effort to root out waste, fraud and abuse in government spending.

The Senate is expected to vote on the Fiscal Year 2010 budget conference agreement tonight.

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