

## Congressman Rothman: Presidentâ€™s Ocean Drilling Plan Concerns Me a Great Deal

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Washington, DC &ndash; Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, released the following statement:

Even though the President&rsquo;s draft plan does not propose drilling off the Jersey Shore, it does allow oil and gas exploration just south of Cape May. That concerns me a great deal. Furthermore, any oil spills resulting from drilling operations further south could easily follow northerly currents and end up washing onto our beaches.

We cannot drill our way out of our dependence on foreign oil and fossil fuels. Emphasizing the development of innovative, alternative energy and conservation technologies is the best course of action.

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