

Congressman Rothman Introduces SEAM Act to Rebuild American Manufacturing Base and Greener Economy

The Security in Energy and Manufacturing (SEAM) Act is a Key Component of the "Made in America" Agenda

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Washington, DC — On May 4, 2011, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, presented the "Made in America" agenda with Democratic leadership and other Democratic colleagues. The Security in Energy and Manufacturing (SEAM) Act is a key component of the "Made in America" agenda and was introduced by Congressman Rothman on February 15, 2011. The SEAM Act will provide more than \$5 billion in tax credits and grants to American manufacturers whose goods are used in clean energy projects.

Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer thanks Congressman Steve Rothman for his leadership on the SEAM Act at a May 4, 2011, press conference on the launch of the "Made in America" initiative.

"The extension of this vital program will help build a robust high technology, U.S. manufacturing capacity to supply clean energy projects with U.S. made parts and equipment," said Congressman Rothman. "These manufacturing facilities would also support significant growth in U.S. exports of U.S. manufactured clean energy products. Congress must take every opportunity to claim our place as the world's leading manufacturer and exporter of clean energy components. The SEAM Act is an important step in that direction."

The first wave of SEAM Act funding already provided by the American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009 (February 17, 2009) is expected to create 60,000 jobs and has helped New Jersey continue its leadership in solar energy as the state with the second most solar projects in the U.S.

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