

## Congressman Rothman: New Jersey Residents should be Mindful of Flooding Assistance Scams

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Washington, DC- Today, Congressman Steve Rothman (NJ-9) warned those seeking relief from flooding caused by Hurricane Irene to beware of a mail scam targeting residents who have received letters from the "Payment Security Administration" announcing "Financial Recovery Awards" of up to \$27,500 and asking recipients to mail a "processing fee" of \$29.97 to Canada.

"It is important that New Jersey residents are mindful of those seeking to take advantage of the historic damage caused by Hurricane Irene," said Congressman Rothman. "FEMA assistance in the form of grants and loans is available for New Jersey residents, but if there are any doubts regarding the legitimacy of aid they are offered, they should contact the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs at 973-504-6200 or my Hackensack office at (201) 646-0808. As always, if I can be of any assistance to anyone affected by the flooding, please feel free to contact my office."

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