

## Reminder to Eligible Taxpayers to Claim the Earned Income Tax Credit

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Take Credit &ndash; You've Earned It!

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(Hackensack, NJ)&mdash;With tax day (April 17th) just around the corner, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ) reminds New Jerseyans to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit for people who work. When the credit exceeds the amount of taxes owed, it results in a tax refund to those who claim and qualify for the credit.

&ldquo;Eligible working individuals and families making less than \$38,348 a year could lower their federal tax by as much as \$4,536. Yet, in previous years, millions of Americans nationwide did not receive any benefit simply because they failed to fill out the proper forms,&rdquo; said Rothman. &ldquo;Don&rsquo;t let this happen to you. Call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-906-9887 to locate a free tax assistance center near you. There, volunteers will be available to help you complete your tax return and determine whether you can claim this important tax benefit.&rdquo;

Free tax preparation is available at over 12,000 volunteer tax preparation sites nationwide and for members of the armed services. The Internal Revenue Service can help you locate a tax assistance center near you at the toll free number Rep. Rothman cited. This number is operational until April 30, 2007. Taxpayers can also call 1-800-829-1040.

The EITC was created in 1975, on a bipartisan basis, to help offset Social Security taxes for low-income workers and provide an incentive for work. Since that time, it has grown to be one of our country&rsquo;s most successful anti-poverty programs. A recent U.S. Census Bureau study found that 4.6 million people &ndash; including 2.4 million children &ndash; were lifted out of poverty thanks to the EITC.

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More information is available online at: <http://rothman.house.gov/eitcprogram.htm> .

