

## Rothman Helps Unveil "New Partnership for America's Future"

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### Rothman Helps Unveil "New Partnership for America's Future" Plan Addresses Challenges of Middle Class Individuals & Families

Washington, DC - In an effort to help all New Jerseyans achieve the American Dream, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) today helped unveil the "New Partnership for America's Future." House Democrats developed this new agenda to address the needs of today's middle class individuals and families, to provide good jobs, affordable health care, and safe communities.

"Many middle class individuals and families are struggling to get by these days due to an uncertain economy, growing costs for health care, college tuition, gas, and other necessities," Rothman said. "We must take bold steps to strengthen the middle class that is the heart of our economy and improve the quality of life for all New Jerseyans and Americans."

The Democratic agenda unveiled today is based on six core values: prosperity, national security, fairness, community, opportunity, and accountability. Specifically, the "New Partnership for America's Future" includes:

- \* An economic plan to create jobs, enact middle class tax relief, invest in transportation and infrastructure, and extend unemployment insurance.
- \* Keeping jobs in the United States by ending tax breaks for companies that send jobs overseas and rewarding companies that create jobs in the U.S., and investing in research and development.
- \* Bolstering homeland security by increasing funds to First Responders, integrating our different intelligence systems, better protecting our borders, and screening more cargo coming into U.S. ports.
- \* Supporting veterans and those currently in the armed forces by fully funding health care and other benefits for veterans and their families, and providing our current troops with all of the equipment they need to effectively fight and stay safe.
- \* Helping small businesses prosper by making capital more accessible for new companies, providing targeted tax relief, and ensuring that employers and employees have access to quality, affordable health care.
- \* Aiding seniors by repealing the Republican prescription drug bill passed last year and replacing it with a real prescription drug benefit under Medicare that will actually help older Americans; and protecting the Social Security Trust Fund.
- \* Assuring that every child in the United States has health care and working to bring quality, affordable health care to every American.

"Government has the responsibility to create the conditions where every American who works hard and plays by the rules can improve their standard of living and make a better life for themselves and their family," Rothman said. "Following through on the principles of the 'New Partnership for America's Future' will help make the American Dream possible for our people."

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