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Washington, DC- Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) this week helped to secure \$2 million in Congressional appropriations for a Chemical-Biological Treatment Facility at the Hackensack University Medical Center (HUMC). The funds will allow HUMC to develop a comprehensive emergency/bio-chemical terrorism preparedness program and to create the nation's premier chemical-biological casualty reception and treatment facility.

"I was pleased to have worked with my colleague, Congressman Bob Menendez (D-NJ13), to successfully secure \$2 million for the HUMC Chemical-Biological Defense Initiative in the Fiscal Year 2006 House Defense Appropriations bill," Rothman said. "With bio-terrorism posing an enormous threat to the United States, especially New Jersey, it is imperative that the HUMC be provided with the federal funds to establish a world class chemical and biological treatment facility for our state and region."

Rothman also sent a letter to Senators Jon Corzine and Frank Lautenberg urging them to request that the Senate Appropriations Committee provide at least \$2 million to HUMC. The letter was co-authored with Congressman Robert Menendez.