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"For many families in our state, public housing is the thin line between refuge and homelessness." said Rothman. "We must constantly explore options to help these fellow New Jerseyans find educational opportunities, employment opportunities and other means toward gaining independence and stability. The Moving to Work program helps public housing agencies do just that."

Congressman Rothman is a long-time champion of affordable housing for New Jersey's most vulnerable residents. He has introduced several pieces of legislation aimed at increasing access to housing, including the HOME Act, which would provide an additional 150,000 vouchers to public housing agencies.

Learn more about the HOME Act on the THOMAS (Library of Congress) Web site.

You can also read an op-ed written by Congressman Rothman decrying the lack of affordable housing in New Jersey.

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Pictured (L-R): Newark Housing Authority Chief Administrative Officer Tory Gunsolley, Newark Housing Authority Director Keith Kinard, Rep. Rothman, and Jersey City Housing Authority Executive Director Maria Maio