

Congressman Rothman: New Jersey Residents Still Have Time to Apply For Economic Stimulus Check

(Washington, DC) — Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) urges his constituents to apply for an economic stimulus check if they have not done so already. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has estimated that over 150,000 New Jerseyans, mostly seniors, are eligible for stimulus checks who have not yet applied — with an estimated 14,568 residents in Bergen County; 10,770 individuals in Hudson County; and 9,263 in Passaic County.

“These checks, which were made available through the Economic Stimulus Package that Congress passed back in January, have been helpful for many New Jerseyans,” said Rothman. “It is so important that residents, especially senior citizens, file to receive the checks, which range from \$300-\$600 per individual. As we head into the winter months, extra cash like this can help New Jersey residents feed their families, heat their homes, and make sure their bills are paid. I urge my constituents and all residents of the Garden State to file for their stimulus checks — and to please call my office with any questions or concerns that they might have.”

Residents who live on fixed incomes such as Social Security Retirement, Social Security Disability, or Veterans’ benefits, along with people who were not required to file a 2007 income tax return because they did not meet the minimum income requirement, may apply for the stimulus checks. Individuals whose only income is Supplemental Security Income (SSI) do not qualify; however, if you receive both Social Security Disability along with SSI, you may still be eligible.

The due date to file a 2007 tax return, which is a requirement to receive a check, is October 15, 2008. Information on applying for the stimulus is available on the NJ Department of the Public Advocate website at www.njpublicadvocate.gov under "News." Residents can also call Rep. Rothman's office in Hackensack, NJ, at 201-646-0808, for more information.

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