

Ask Steve

Q: What do you think about the Bush Administration's initial proposal to address the crisis in U.S. financial markets?

A: The American economy is in trouble. However, I oppose the present Bush Administration proposal to bailout major financial companies without ensuring adequate protections for American taxpayers and their hard-earned dollars...I am working to make sure that the final version of any bailout package would require the Government Accountability Office to audit the Department of Treasury's bailout expenditures and report to Congress every 60 days. I also strongly support requiring judicial review of any Treasury decisions to buy "troubled assets" to ensure that no sweetheart deals take place. The Bush Administration must be accountable for the \$700 billion dollars they intend to spend on this intervention." Read Steve's statement on this issue.

Q: Did you support continued funding for the Iraq War?

A: I voted against a \$165.4 billion funding bill for the war in Iraq. At a time when Americans are facing rising food costs, higher prices at the pump, home foreclosures, and failing roads, sewers, and bridges, it is irresponsible to continue to misuse our military forces, and misspend our finite U.S. tax dollars to continue to police the Iraq civil war. I will only support funding for the Iraq war if it is linked to beginning the immediate redeployment of U.S. troops from there. Read Steve's statement about his vote.