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Taxpayers for Common Sense Action Name Congressman
'Treasury Guardian' for Commitment to Fiscal Responsibility

Washington, DC - In recognition of his commitment to saving taxpayer money by stopping government waste, the nonpartisan budget watchdog group, Taxpayers for Common Sense Action (TCS Action), has honored Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) with its Treasury Guardian award. The honor comes as a result of the organization's 2003 scorecard on how each Member of Congress voted on cutting wasteful spending and subsidies and promoting fiscal responsibility. Rothman placed among the top 10 percent of House lawmakers.

"Congress must always remember that the money it spends is the taxpayers' money and we should take every step necessary to make sure each and every penny is put to good use," Rothman said. "New Jerseyans bear a heavy tax burden which is why I remain committed to voting against and stopping tax giveaways, subsidies, and unwise spending, while also fighting to bring federal money home for important projects throughout the state."

The 2003 Common Sense Taxpayer Scorecard evaluates the voting records of all members of Congress during the first session of the 108th Congress. TCS Action scored votes on a broad variety of issues, including: agriculture, budget, energy, insurance, international, national security, public lands, public works, and taxes.

"Government has the opportunity to do a lot of good by investing in a strong national defense, homeland security, job creation, education, health care, transportation, environmental protection, support for veterans and other important areas," Rothman said. "But while working to improve the quality of life for every American, we in the Congress must do everything possible to protect taxpayer money and ensure that there is no wasteful spending or unaffordable tax cuts for the rich at the expense of the rest of the American people."

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