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Stamp Sales Fund Research, Help Raise Awareness Of Disease

Washington, DC - In an effort to fight breast cancer throughout the country and specifically in New Jersey, which leads all states in the rate of breast cancer deaths, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today hailed his U.S. House of Representatives colleagues for passing a bill to bring back the Breast Cancer Research Postal Stamp. Rothman cosponsored the bill that requires the U.S. Postal Service to begin reselling the stamp, which raises funds for breast cancer research - the most common cancer among women in the United States.

"In passing this measure today to bring back the Breast Cancer Research Postal Stamp, Congress is sending a clear message that we must support the research that will 'stamp out breast cancer for good,'" Rothman said. "Each time the stamp passes hands as a letter goes from sender to recipient, another woman schedules a check-up with her doctor, another mother teaches her daughter about breast self exams; and another man grows concerned and reminds his wife to get a mammogram."

Approximately 500 million copies of the stamp were sold from July 29, 1998, when the Breast Cancer Research Stamp first went on sale, until last month when it expired. Stamp sales raised roughly \$40 million for the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program. The programs help more women get screened, help more breast cancer cases to be detected and detected early, and help more women get the treatment that allows them to survive.

Last month, the U.S. Senate approved an identical bill to bring back the Breast Cancer Research Postal Stamp. The measure now moves to the White House where President Bush is expected to sign it into law.

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