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Washington, DC - Congressman Rothman (D-NJ9) today announced that he has proudly joined the newly created House Caucus on U.S.-Israel Security Cooperation. The primary purpose of this bi-partisan group is to educate members of Congress about the benefits of the U.S.-Israel relationship and to bring together Members of Congress with community and business leaders to support U.S.-Israel security cooperation efforts.

"I am proud to be a part of the House Caucus on U.S.-Israel Security Cooperation because strengthening the U.S.-Israel relationship is in the vital national security interests of the United States. Members of Congress and the American people need to be aware of the importance of the strategic relationship the U.S. has with Israel," Rothman said. "The United States and Israel have been cooperating on security matters for decades -- improving our military equipment, being our eyes and ears in a troubled but important region for us, as a safe haven for our troops, and in the process saving the U.S. billions of dollars a year and saving countless American lives. Israel continues to be our strongest ally in the Middle East upon whom we depend for critical military and intelligence information and know-how."

Rothman pledged to use his position in the Caucus to complement his work on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, which allocates U.S. foreign assistance, including military and economic assistance for the State of Israel. The House Caucus on U.S.-Israel Security Cooperation will also highlight specific examples of U.S.-Israel military or intelligence coordination in America's war on international terrorism.

"United by our shared democratic principles, the U.S. and Israel are both involved in fighting the war on global terrorism. I am committed to providing Israel the support she needs to protect her citizens from terrorist attacks and strengthen her security," Rothman stated. "As a result of U.S. engagement in the Middle East, it has become only more apparent that supporting America's number one ally, military partner, trusted friend of 55 years, and the only democracy in the Middle East, the State of Israel, continues to be in the vital national security interests of the United States."

During his entire career in Congress, Rothman has been an ardent supporter of a strong U.S.-Israel relationship and a secure State of Israel. Using his seat on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, Rothman most recently helped secure \$2.69 billion in foreign assistance for the State of Israel in the FY2004 Foreign Operations Appropriations bill. The FY2004 Foreign Operations Appropriations bill was passed by the House of Representatives in July.

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