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Hackensack, NJ - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today released the following statement regarding the massive power outage in New Jersey and a major part of the United States and Canada.

"I am grateful not only for the efforts of maintenance crews across the Northeast to get power restored as quickly as possible, but also for the first responders and local law enforcement officials who have been working through the night to ensure the safety of tens of millions of people affected by these power failures.

"These blackouts -- the worst in America's history -- highlight the need for a modernized and updated energy policy in our country. I am pleased to learn that both federal and state agencies, as well as numerous Congressional committees, are already investigating the blackouts to determine why measures currently in place to prevent power disruptions from spreading failed to do so. The only way to ensure that this never happens again is for all levels of government to take a serious look at what went wrong yesterday and to determine how this can be prevented in the future. We must modernize our energy infrastructure in order to reduce its vulnerability to both accidents and acts of terror.

"Despite the restoration of much of the power in our area, I want the residents of northern New Jersey to know that my Hackensack and Washington, DC offices are available to help them recover from this massive power outage. I encourage them to call if they have any questions or concerns."

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