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Washington, DC — Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) tonight released the following statement after the Republican-controlled Congress approved an inadequate unemployment benefits bill. The measure does nothing to help the more than one million long-term unemployed who have already exhausted their benefits.

On the same day the Republican-controlled Congress is pushing through hundreds of billions of dollars in fiscally irresponsible tax cuts that primarily benefit America's wealthiest 1 percent, whose average income is over \$650,000 per year, the Republicans are not allowing a comprehensive unemployment benefit measure to pass that would put much-needed dollars in the pockets of this nation's unemployed.

I support a measure that would provide assistance to workers who have exhausted their benefits, increase the length of benefits to 26 weeks, and expand unemployment insurance coverage for low-wage and part-time workers. The best thing we can do to boost our economy is to put money in the hands of the people who need it most and will spend it right away on necessities. In doing so, we are helping unemployed workers put food on the table for their family, and pumping cash into businesses across the country.

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