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Fourth Term Congressman Becomes Assistant Whip

Washington, DC - As the House Democratic Caucus settles in under new leadership at the start of the 108th Session of Congress, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) has been named an Assistant Whip by Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD5). With his new position, which includes the primary responsibility of serving as a liaison between the leadership of the House Democrats and other House Democrats, Rothman will have a stronger voice and gain influence on behalf of New Jersey within the House Democratic Leadership.

"I am honored that Whip Hoyer has chosen me to serve as an Assistant Whip during such a critical time in our nation's history," Rothman said. "As we continue to work to improve homeland security, boost our economy, and improve our quality of life, I will use my position in the House Democratic Leadership to continue my fight for New Jersey. Coupled with my position on the House Appropriations Committee, which allows me to bring home federal dollars for New Jersey, my new Assistant Whip position will be an invaluable tool in helping to shape measures that affect all New Jerseyans."

Rothman's responsibility as Assistant Democratic Whip requires him to be in charge of tracking legislation and monitoring a select number of fellow members of Congress' positions on legislation. Rothman will work with Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer and help maintain communication among all members of the House Democratic Caucus.

"Congressman Rothman will be part of an outstanding team to help lead the Whip organization," Hoyer said. "I will assist me in creating an aggressive and effective team that will bring our caucus together on major legislation, and facilitate communication between our party leadership and members."

Rothman added, "Whether it is passing legislation that will help create and secure more jobs, protect Americans from future terrorist attacks, relieve traffic congestion, provide federal money to ease local property tax burdens, or save our last parcels of open space with a special focus on the Meadowlands, I will always keep what matters most to the people of New Jersey in the front of my mind as I work as an Assistant Whip."

Rothman was a strong supporter of Hoyer both when he ran successfully for Democratic Whip this year at the start of the new session of Congress, and when he lost the Whip race last year to now Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA8). Last year's Whip race was to replace outgoing Whip David Bonior who left the leadership position to run for Governor of Michigan.

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