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Washington, DC -- Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ) helped secure an increase of over \$60 million in U.S. military aid to help secure the State of Israel.

"Considering the instability in the Middle East, now more than ever, U.S. aid and assistance to Israel's security continues to be in America's essential national interest," Rothman said. "As America's number one ally in the Middle East, Israel is depending on our nation's support to battle against the forces of terrorism which today are seeking to destroy Israel."

Rothman worked to increase aid to Israel as a member of the powerful House Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee. The Foreign Operations bill passed the House of Representatives on Tuesday by a margin of 381-46. The bill includes \$2.04 billion in military aid, as well as \$720 million in economic assistance.

"I am proud to have helped craft this bill which strengthens America's commitment to the State of Israel," Rothman said.

Approximately 75 percent of the military aid to Israel can be used to finance the purchase of U.S. made arms and defense-related items. The remainder can be used to purchase Israeli-made military equipment. The bill also ensures the United States will maintain its longstanding policy of ensuring Israel's military edge in the region.

Additionally, the bill provides \$60 million for the resettlement of Russian, Eastern European, Ethiopian and other humanitarian migrants to Israel.

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