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Washington, DC -- Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) and Congressman Robert Menendez (D-NJ13) announced today that Rothman has been named as the only New Jersey Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee. The Appropriations Committee writes the legislation that allocates federal funds to the numerous government agencies, departments, and organizations on an annual basis, making it one of the most powerful and sought after assignments in Congress.

Rothman's effort to get on Appropriations was boosted by the strong support of Democratic Caucus Vice-Chairman Menendez. He thanked all of those who supported him, including Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, Minority Whip David Bonior (D-MI), Steering Committee Co-Chairman Steny Hoyer (D-MD), and the members of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee who chose him for the Appropriations seat. Rothman said he will use his seat on the Appropriations Committee to give New Jersey a greater voice.

"By serving on the Appropriations Committee, I will be in a better position to fight for New Jersey's interests," Rothman said. "This really gives New Jersey a place at the table. New Jersey deserves to get back more of our fair share from Washington. On issues such as transportation, environmental protection, school aid, and a host of other New Jersey needs, I now hope to make an even greater impact for my district and all of our state."

"With Congressman Steve Rothman's appointment to the House Appropriations Committee, New Jersey is the big winner. He has always been a tireless advocate for New Jersey's working families," said Menendez. "His role on the Appropriations Committee, as the only New Jersey Democrat, will be a crucial one-- his voice will ensure that his constituents and all New Jerseyans will have a seat at the table during the appropriations process, when critical federal funding is secured for national and New Jersey programs and projects. As a Member of the elected Democratic Leadership in Congress, I was pleased to take a lead role successfully advocating on Steve's behalf."

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