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DEAR ROCKLAND NEIGHBOR

Dear Neighbor,

This "Report to Rockland" was prepared to update you on some of my recent actions as your Congressman including obtaining over \$24.8 million in federal funds and grants in the last eighteen months and my legislation to dramatically decrease American's dependence on foreign oil.

You can find additional information on my record as your Member of Congress by going to <http://engel.house.gov/>.

You can also sign up to receive special e-mail issue updates by clicking on "Sign up for Eliot's E-mail Updates" and completing the form or calling my Rockland office and asking to receive e-mail updates.

As always, if my office can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate contact any of my District Offices or my Congressional Office in Washington, D.C.

I also ask that you continue to send me your opinions and suggestions on the issues facing Rockland and our nation.

Sincerely,

Eliot L. Engel
Member of Congress

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An update from
Congressman **Eliot Engel**



Congressman Eliot Engel discussing legislation and how to take action against identity theft at a Rockland meeting. He is pictured with County Clerk Paul Piperato.

Sponsoring Legislation to Solve Problems

Keep Our Promise to America's Children and Teachers Act. It would mandate the full funding our schools were promised when the No Child Left Behind Act was passed. Engel's actions were praised by the Lower Hudson Education Coalition.

Truth in Caller ID Act. As part of his efforts to stop identity theft, Engel co-authored legislation to prevent criminals from using fake caller ID services. Criminals have used them to get social security numbers and other personal information.

The Commuter Benefits Equity Act. It would increase the monthly commuter benefits for employees who take trains or buses to \$200.

This would match the benefits that companies can offer to employees who use parking. This is an issue of fairness and would also give people pre-tax incentives for using mass transit.

Congressman Eliot Engel: A full-service Rockland office to help solve problems

Engel Fights Against High Gas Prices and to Reduce Foreign Oil Dependency

"It is an outrage to see that we now have to pay over \$3 for a gallon of gas while the oil industry is reaping billions in profits as hard working Americans struggle to fill their tanks," Congressman Engel stated.

Engel, co-chair and founder of the bipartisan Oil and National Security Caucus has made renewable energy and energy independence a top priority.

To cut foreign oil dependence and lower gas prices, he co-authored the Fuel Choices for American Security Act, which mandates 2.5 million barrels a day in oil-savings in just ten years. It would encourage the mass-production of cars that can burn any combination of gasoline and alternative fuels such as ethanol or powered by fuel efficient hybrid engines.

Congressman Engel reviewing Rockland flood control plans with the Army Corps of Engineers.

He is working with Supervisors Thom Kleiner, Christopher St. Lawrence and Alex Gromack to have the Corps review proposals so so they can help prevent flooding.



Working in Congress and in Rockland to Protect Our Environment

The League of Conservation Voters has consistently praised Congressman Engel's record. For the last five years, he has had a 99% average voting record.

He has voted against cuts in environmental funding and against giving oil companies billions of dollars in federal tax breaks.

He was honored by the Highlands Coalition for his work and leadership in getting Congress to pass the Highland Stewardship Act into law.

Engel was an original sponsor of the law that will protect the Highlands including Torne Valley and the Ramapo Mountains.

Congressman Eliot Engel Obtains Federal Funds and Grants for Rockland

Congressman Eliot Engel has obtained over \$24.8 million in federal funds and grants for Rockland just since the beginning of 2004.

The Federal funds and grants for Rockland include \$300,000 for the Western Ramapo sewer extension and water reuse project and \$485,000 for the Rockland County Department of Community Development for transitional apartments for domestic violence victims.

Clarkstown Central School District received a Fund for the Improvement of Education grant and the Ramapo and Village of Spring Valley's Housing Authorities received funds to improve housing. The Rockland Economic Development Corporation received funds to expand its job creation work and economic development funds were secured for the Hudson Valley Region Council.

Funds were obtained for the Suffern, Sloatsburg and Piermont Fire Departments, the Community Outreach Center for its drug prevention work, and the Rockland Center for the Arts.

Anti-crime grants, including Community Oriented Police Services (COPS) grants, were obtained for Clarkstown and Spring Valley and for the Rockland Sheriff's office. Federal funds were secured for Mahwah River flood control, for the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, and for the Rockland Housing Action Coalition.



Congressman Eliot Engel presenting a \$100,000 check to the Challenger Center.



Millions for Road and Highway Improvements

Congressman Eliot Engel has worked to obtain millions for Rockland road and highway improvements. The funds obtained in the last eighteen months include:

- \$1 million for Tappan Zee Bridge to I-287 improvements
- Safety improvements at railroad crossings and to meet federal Quiet Zone standards on the West Shore River Line

■ Traffic mitigation measures on the Palisades Interstate Parkway

■ Bridge replacement and other work on Route 59 from the Palisades to Route 303

■ Improvements for the Route 340 and Erie Street intersection with Route 303 (Orangeburg Road)

■ \$650,000 to assist in the reconstruction of Main Street in Tappan

Most of these and other funds were in the law funding transportation programs.

When passed, *The Journal News* stated that "Getting in, around and out of Rockland could get significantly easier [with the funding of] some of the County's most important road and public transit projects."

Congressman Eliot Engel: \$24.8 Million for Rockland since January 2004