

Affordable Housing

Let's
make sure housing is affordable for all

Congressman Steve Rothman is a long-time champion of affordable housing for New Jersey's most vulnerable residents. He has introduced several pieces of legislation aimed at increasing access to housing, including the HOME Act, which would provide an additional 150,000 vouchers to public housing agencies. For more information, you can read an op-ed by Rep. Rothman about increasing affordable housing options in New Jersey.

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Congressman Rothman's Statement on Affordable Housing

I am committed to ensuring affordable housing for the people of New Jersey and for all Americans. We all know that affordable housing is scarce in Northern New Jersey, due to a lack of viable properties and the increasing cost of living. I will continue to do all that I can to help revitalize our distressed communities and ensure that New Jersey residents are able to obtain the affordable housing they need.

By providing affordable housing to families and individuals in our region, we help build stable communities where jobs and services can flourish and create neighborhoods for all children to call home.

Fully
Funding Important U.S.
Housing and Urban Development Programs

As a Member of the House Appropriations Committee, I help advise the Federal government on how to spend money on housing and community development goals. In this capacity, I remain

committed to fully funding the numerous important programs under HUD's jurisdiction, including the Section 8 program, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, Section 811 (disabled) housing, Section 202 (elderly) housing, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program.

The Section 8 Voucher

Program, which serves more than 2 million households, is the largest federal program designed to provide affordable housing to low income families. Section 8 vouchers are tenant-based subsidies, determined by both family income and rent, which families with low income use in the private market to lower their rent costs to 30% of their incomes.

The CDBG program is the largest source of federal financial assistance in support of state and local governments' community development and neighborhood revitalization activities. The program promotes local decision-making and is intended to principally benefit low- or moderate-income individuals, prevent or eliminate slums and blight, and meet urgent needs that threaten the health and safety of the public.