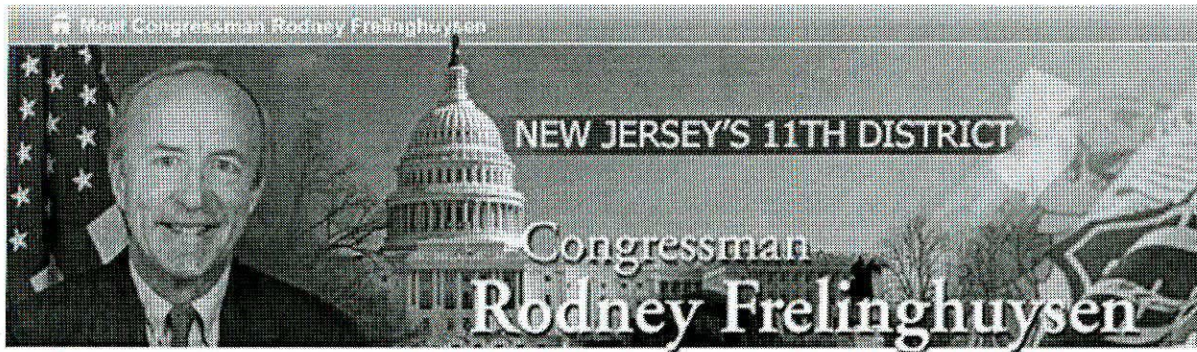


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**Two weeks of vulnerability for the USA!**

This weekend, our nation will begin its third week of being left more vulnerable to terrorist attack because House leaders continue to block the bipartisan Senate-passed bill that would modernize the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). "Every day that passes without Congressional action, we lose critical intelligence that help us track foreign terrorists quickly and effectively," said Rep. Frelinghuysen. "The fact that the leadership is thwarting the will of a bipartisan majority in both the House and the Senate is incredibly dangerous."

The FISA bill, which cleared the Senate 68-29 over two weeks ago and is supported by a bipartisan majority in the House, would give U.S. intelligence officials all the tools they need to protect American interests.

"I urge Speaker Pelosi to listen to the 68 senators – of both parties – who passed the FISA modernization bill," he added. "Listen to Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Rockefeller (D-WV), who helped write the bill and warned us of the consequences of not acting on it. And listen to the American people, who are counting on both parties to do the right thing and work together to protect them."

**Frelinghuysen votes "No" on new energy taxes!**

At a time when Americans are anxious about their soaring energy costs, the House passed flawed legislation this week that included a roughly \$18 billion tax increase on American energy. Rep. Frelinghuysen opposed the bill. "These costs are sure to be passed along to cash-strapped families and will put more undue stress on our slowing economy, while

increasing our dependence on foreign nations for our energy," he said.

Even worse, the bill does a favor for Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez by exempting his state-owned oil giant CITGO – just as he is threatening to cut off Venezuelan energy supplies to the United States.

"To move toward energy independence, America needs a comprehensive and strategic plan that increases the supply, security and diversity of American energy and puts real alternative and renewable fuels in the hands of consumers to lower costs," said Frelinghuysen. "We cannot tax our way to energy independence and this bill represented another job-killing tax hike on America's domestic energy producers."

### Frelinghuysen Gains Assurances from National Guard Chief

Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen this week secured assurances from the nation's top National Guard leader that New Jersey will be protected while roughly half of the state's National Guard troops are deployed to Iraq this summer. At a Thursday hearing of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Frelinghuysen told Lt. General Steven Blum "our citizens need to know that the deployment of 3,200 of our Guard personnel will not cripple New Jersey's ability to cope with a natural disaster or a terrorist attack."

Blum, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, responded, "We are living up to our commitment to make sure there remains in each state enough personnel and equipment to react to any emergency. And, if the situation demands a greater response, the neighboring states of Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware and others will quickly flow resources to New Jersey to handle any crisis. We have experience in this regard, having sent over 50,000 soldiers into Mississippi and Louisiana in the three days after Katrina."

Blum also confirmed for Frelinghuysen that each and every member of the New Jersey National Guard deployed to Iraq will be completely equipped with the most up-to-date equipment in the Army inventory. "These courageous warfighters all serve in the National Guard voluntarily," said Frelinghuysen. "But it's our responsibility to make sure that they have the tools and the resources to complete their mission and protect themselves."

### Veterans Award for Frelinghuysen!

In recognition of his "meritorious service to and on behalf of veterans, service-disabled veterans and members of the National Guard and Reserve," Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen has been presented with the 2008 Lane Evans Veteran Entrepreneur Public Service Award. "The Veterans Corporation is proud to present this award to Representative Frelinghuysen," said Walter Blackwell, President and CEO of TVC. "Representative Frelinghuysen has made a substantial contribution to helping veterans start and grow small businesses, and his efforts are making a significant impact on Veterans, not only in his own district, but nationwide."

Named after former Congressman Lane Evans, the award was presented to Rep. Frelinghuysen on Wednesday at a ceremony honoring Members of Congress who support veterans.

TVC is a federally-chartered 501(c)(3) organization created to build more prosperous communities and a stronger national economy by fostering business opportunities for Veterans, Service-Disabled Veterans, and members of the National Guard and Reserve. The Veterans Corporation provides education, counseling, access to capital, surety bonding, and other valuable business tools and resources to veterans.

### Town Meetings this weekend!

Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen will conduct two more in his regular series of town meetings on Saturday March 1:

10 a.m. to 11 a.m

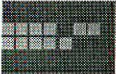
Township of Chatham Council Chambers, 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Township of Parsippany Council Chambers, 1001 Parsippany Boulevard, Parsippany,

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