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**Senator Judd Gregg Comments on Senate Vote
To Protect 23 Million Taxpayers from AMT**

“Tonight I joined 87 of my Senate colleagues in protecting 23 million American families from the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). The AMT was never intended to tax average Americans, and tonight’s action is the first step toward a permanent solution – the repeal of this outdated and overreaching tax policy.

“It is unfortunate that the Democratic leadership could not have resolved the need for an AMT patch earlier this year, especially as it has become an annual and anticipated legislative exercise. The delay is likely to contribute to snafus for tax-filers, including delays for processing millions of tax returns and tens of billions in refunds.

“A better approach going forward is a permanent solution on AMT, and I hope to work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle next year to ensure that is seriously considered.”