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## Congressman Steve Israel Announces Proposed New Legislation at Gurwin Center

Rep. Steve Israel (D- Long Island) was on hand at the Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center to announce the introduction of legislation aimed at assisting families who are caring for an aging relative. The Elder Care Tax Credit Act, which he will introduce to the Legislature when he returns to Washington this month, will provide a \$1200 tax credit to families caring for aging loved ones.

According to the Congressman, millions of Americans are caring for an aging relative, with much of the financial burden falling to them. "Many of the families who provide elder care are also taking care of their children, working regular jobs, and trying to stay ahead amid a struggling economy," he said. The bill will extend the dependent care tax credit to families who are caring for aging relatives who do not live in their homes.



At a press conference hosted by Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Executive Vice President Herbert H. Friedman introduces Congressman Steve Israel (right) to the media to discuss his proposed legislation. Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (left) looks on.