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ISRAEL AND BISHOP: FULL FUNDING FOR BNL SECURED IN ENERGY SPENDING BILL

Washington, DC—Today the House Appropriations Committee passed the 2008 Energy and Water Appropriations Act, which included full funding for Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). Because federal funding for BNL has been threatened in recent years, Congressmen Steve Israel (NY-02), who sits on the committee, and Tim Bishop (NY-01), who sits on the House Budget Committee and represents the district in which BNL operates, have been working to secure these funds so that the vital research done at BNL can continue.

Israel said, “As a Member of the House Appropriations Energy and Water Committee, I was pleased to ensure that the 2008 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill provides full funding for Brookhaven National Lab’s Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) and National Synchrotron Light Source projects. This research, done right in our backyard, is critical to our national competitiveness in science. I’m proud to work alongside Congressman Bishop to fight to ensure that Brookhaven National Lab always has the funding it needs.”

“It is important that the world-class researchers at BNL focus their energies on the next scientific breakthrough, not next year's funding,” said Bishop. “This is a major step forward to make sure that we fully fund the important work at BNL. Earlier this year, I was pleased to ensure that the Fiscal Year 2008 budget resolution allocated full funding for the lab. I applaud Congressman Israel for his hard work on the Appropriations Committee for BNL and our nation's scientific community.”

The Energy-Water Appropriations Bill fully funds the President’s requests of \$65 million for BNL’s National Synchrotron Light Source-II (NSLS-II) project and \$162.1 million for operations of the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC). The bill will be considered by the full House later this month.

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