

Historic Agreement on Teterboro Airport Operations

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Rothman Announces Historic Agreement on Teterboro Airport Operations

(Teterboro, NJ)—Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) announced an historic agreement today designed to make Teterboro Airport (TEB) a better, safer and quieter neighbor for the people of northern New Jersey. The agreement will ultimately eliminate the loudest jets at the airport, create a curfew on flights between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am, keep heavy planes from ever operating at the airport, and improve safety and security.

"This agreement is a victory for the hundreds of thousands of people who live around Teterboro Airport," said Rothman. "It represents a truly significant commitment by the people who do business at the airport to become much better neighbors. It also reflects an understanding that the operations of these businesses affect the quality of life of the people in our area."

After several months of discussions and negotiations between Congressman Rothman, the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PA), the Teterboro Airport Industry Working Group and four national aviation trade associations (the National Air Transportation Association, the National Business Aviation Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the General Aviation Manufacturers Association) this agreement was achieved.

The agreement announced today encompasses five initial pledges but also initiates an ongoing process of discussions among the parties. There will be a public, Town Hall meeting at 7 pm on November 9th at the airport that will give people the opportunity to comment on the agreement and suggest further items for consideration.

"The current members of the Teterboro Airport Industry Working Group signing the agreement today are responsible for over 50% of the flights at the airport," said Rothman. "Over the course of the next weeks and months the existing members will reach out to convince other airport users to join them in signing this agreement. Their goal is to have 90% participation by the end of next year."

Rothman also made it clear that although today's agreement is voluntary, he expects significant results. "There are many ways to achieve these goals," said Rothman. "Legislation, regulation and litigation were all more time consuming avenues open to us, but my hope and expectation is that this agreement will achieve dramatic improvements at Teterboro without the delay and uncertainty that would come with pursuing those other options."

"During my 10 years in Congress I have had several victories in the effort to make Teterboro better—the elimination of Stage I jet engines, the banning of scheduled charter air service and keeping the FAA from overturning the 100,000 pound weight limit at the airport. Today's agreement encompassing the elimination of Stage II jets, a night time curfew, support for the 100,000 pound weight limit and safety and security improvements at Teterboro will continue the progress at Teterboro Airport and improve the quality of life for our region. The signing of this agreement means we have new partners in our efforts at Teterboro and I look forward to working with them in the future to make the airport even better, safer and quieter."

For additional background, read "Teterboro Airport Industry Working Group: A New Paradigm for Creating a Safe, Secure, and Quieter Airport".

[View photos from the press conference announcing the agreement.](#)

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