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Congressman's Measure Will Maintain Prohibition on Aircraft Weighing More Than 100,000 Pounds

Washington, DC - Following through on his promise to maintain the federal ban at Teterboro Airport on planes weighing over 100,000 pounds that he first secured last year, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) yesterday got the House Appropriations Committee, of which he is a member, to approve the ban for the upcoming year. The measure, which needs to be extended each year, bans the Boeing Business Jet and other large planes from operating at Teterboro by prohibiting the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from raising the 37 year-old, 100,000 pound weight limit at the airport. Rothman said that since the annual ban has already been enacted once that he expects it to be renewed this year with little or no resistance.

"The bill passed by the House Appropriations Committee today includes provisions upholding the ban on 100,000 pound aircraft at Teterboro Airport that we worked so hard last year to enact," Rothman said. "This will keep out the 737 Boeing Business Jet and other huge aircraft don't belong at Teterboro Airport. We secured a federal ban last year, we are going to secure that same federal ban this year, and we will make certain that the ban stays in place to ensure that no oversized planes will ever be allowed at Teterboro."

In July 2003, the FAA announced its intention to overturn the weight limit at Teterboro Airport to allow larger jets to operate at the Northern New Jersey facility. As a lifelong resident of Bergen County who is committed to fighting aircraft noise and stopping the expansion of Teterboro Airport, Rothman vehemently opposed the proposal and wrote legislation to stop the FAA from going forward with its plan. He got the measure passed through the House and enlisted the help of U.S. Senators Jon Corzine (D-NJ) and Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) to get the measure approved in the Senate. The measure became law in January of 2004. The bill that passed the House Appropriations Committee today is identical to the measure signed into law in January and would extend the ban for another full year. Senators Corzine and Lautenberg are again helping to pass identical legislation in the Senate.

"Newark, LaGuardia, and JFK Airports are designed for large jets, not Teterboro. We are going to continue fighting and taking every step necessary to ensure that airline companies do not degrade the quality of life of Northern New Jersey residents by bringing their large and loud jets into Teterboro Airport," Rothman said.

The bill containing Rothman's provision will be considered by the full House when Congress reconvenes in September. The provision is part of the Transportation Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2005.

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