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Washington, DC - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today released the following statement regarding the United States capture of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

"I was very happy to learn of the U.S. capture of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. This is a major victory for the United States, our coalition partners, and above all, the Iraqi people. Saddam's capture puts to rest any doubts the Iraqi people might have had that Saddam Hussein and his regime could reemerge. I am hopeful that with Saddam's apprehension Iraqis will feel less intimidated in cooperating with U.S. and coalition forces. We continue to need their help in identifying those who are still participating in the resistance movement that is killing and wounding our troops in Iraq and threatening to destabilize that country.

"Saddam's capture should give the Iraqi people renewed confidence that the U.S. and coalition forces can provide them security, while we together rebuild their society and reorganize their government to provide stability, freedom, and eventually democracy to that country.

"Clearly, there is still danger in Iraq and further attacks are likely. Some remaining Saddam loyalists and international terrorists, who have infiltrated Iraq, are still seeking to kill and injure as many American and coalition soldiers are possible. Our troops and their leaders deserve our highest praise for their magnificent skill and heroism in carrying out their duties, and in particular, their brilliant capture of Saddam Hussein. We wish them Godspeed in their efforts, and wish for their safe return home as soon as their mission has been accomplished."

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