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Says Office Will Help Northern New Jerseyans Understand New Rules For Visiting

Washington, DC - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today announced that the White House recently reopened its doors for public tours. As a service to his constituents in New Jersey's Ninth Congressional District, Rothman said that his Washington, DC office would be accessible to help interested visitors book a tour and understand the new rules for visiting 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. The White House had been closed to public tours, except school groups, since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"I am pleased to offer my assistance to the hard working people in my Congressional District who would like to plan a visit to Washington, DC and take a tour of the White House," Rothman said. "The White House is one of the most stunning and prestigious buildings in our nation's capital. It is both exciting and interesting to visit, and I am pleased that more and more people from Northern New Jersey will now get the opportunity to walk through this impressive and historic building. I encourage anyone from my Congressional District who is interested in a tour of the White House to reach out to my Washington, DC office so that my staff and I may help arrange the trip."

In order to go on a public tour of the White House, visitors must be bundled together to include ten or more people, regardless of who they are or where they are from. Rothman's office can help arrange different groups of constituents together in order to help parties traveling to Washington, DC with less than ten people have a group large enough to go on a White House tour. Another policy change is that tour requests cannot be received by the White House more than six months in advance, including visits being planned by schools. However, those interested in visiting the White House are strongly encouraged not to wait until just before their visit to make tour requests, and instead make their request at least two months in advance in order to maximize their chance of getting into the White House. Confirmation of tour requests, however, will most likely not be received from the White House until approximately one month before the actual visit.

Rothman's Washington, DC office is also accessible to constituents for help with planning visits to the nation's capital. Among the services that Rothman's office can provide are tours of the U.S. Capitol Building, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the Kennedy Center. Those interested in visiting Washington, DC should call Rothman's office at 202-225-5061 and ask for Jessica Lawrence. Additional information for traveling to the nation's capital can be found in the constituent services section of Rothman's website --- <http://rothman.house.gov>.

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