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Washington, DC - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today released the following statement regarding the U.S. Senate's adoption yesterday of his provision stopping the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from overturning the aircraft weight limit at Teterboro Airport. The FAA's action would have permitted 737 jet aircraft to start using Teterboro Airport. Rothman's provision, which is in the Transportation Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2004, already passed the House in September. The House and Senate versions of the Transportation Appropriations bill now move to a conference committee where leaders from the two chambers will reconcile any differences.

"Getting the full Senate to join the House in voting for my provision to stop the FAA from permitting 737s and other oversized aircraft from using Teterboro Airport is a critical step in our effort to protect the quality of life of area residents and prevent this smaller aircraft airport from turning into the New York Metropolitan area's fourth major airport. The 737 Boeing Business Jet and other large aircraft do not belong at Teterboro Airport. Newark, LaGuardia, and JFK have been designated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PA), exclusively, to handle 737 traffic into and out of our area. Teterboro Airport was only designed for aircraft under 100,000 pounds. That is why, for the past 36 years, the PA has had in place a 100,000 pound weight limit at Teterboro Airport to keep out large jets. The Senate's approval of my provision keeping these 737s out of Teterboro Airport sends a strong message to the FAA and the Boeing Company that we will never permit them to degrade the quality of life of the people of our region.

"I am very grateful to Senators Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Jon Corzine (D-NJ) for working to get my provision included in the Senate bill. I will be watching closely as House and Senate leaders gather to hammer out any differences between the two versions of the Transportation Appropriations bill, to see that neither the FAA nor Boeing try to strip away my provision behind closed doors when they think no one is looking."

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