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Washington, DC - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) released the following statement tonight following the Senate Appropriations Committee's adoption of his provision stopping the FAA from overturning the 36 year-old, 100,000 pound weight limit at Teterboro Airport. Rothman's provision, which is in the Transportation Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2004, already passed the House Appropriations Committee on July 24, and the full House is expected to pass the measure early next week.

"Ever since I was able to get my provision passed in the House Appropriations Committee to stop the FAA from overturning the weight limit at Teterboro Airport and threatening the quality of life of our area's residents, I have spoken many times with Senators Corzine and Lautenberg directly. They indicated their willingness to help and to fight to have my provision passed on the Senate side as well. They have really been wonderful partners in protecting Teterboro Airport and protecting the character of the airport and the people of this region. My provision would not have been approved tonight were it not for both of their efforts.

"We have made great progress in protecting the people of our area from the Boeing Business Jet, these behemoth 737's, destroying the quality of life of our region and changing the character of Teterboro Airport. However, this war to stop the overturning of the weight limit at Teterboro Airport is not over. That will only occur after both the House and Senate approve a final version of the appropriations bill with my provision and the President signs it into law.

"The people of Northern New Jersey already put up with unacceptable levels of traffic on the ground and in the air. The FAA's plan to lift Teterboro's aircraft weight limit and allow even more planes that are heavier and louder to operate out of Teterboro is an insult to the hundreds of thousands of people living and working in this area. I will be watching closely to see that the FAA and Boeing do not try to strip my provision from either the House or Senate bills behind closed doors when they think no one is looking. I will not rest until we ensure that the 36 year-old weight limit is preserved and these 737 oversized jets are banned forever at Teterboro Airport."

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