

## Rothman Continues Effort To Keep Large Jets Out Of Teterboro

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Vows To Fight New FAA Attempt To Overturn Weight Limits

Washington, DC — Continuing his longstanding fight to keep large aircraft out of Teterboro Airport, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today launched a major campaign to stop a new Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposal to lift the weight limit ban at Teterboro Airport. The 36 year-old ban at Teterboro Airport has prevented aircraft such as the Boeing Business Jet, a 737 aircraft, from operating at the Northern New Jersey facility. The FAA is seeking to lift weight limits on aircraft at all of the nation's airports, including the 100,000 pound limit at Teterboro supported by Rothman, which the FAA upheld last year in a ruling by its Eastern Division office following heavy lobbying by the Congressman. Rothman vowed to vigorously fight the FAA's reversal of its position on this issue by all means necessary.

"By lifting this weight limit, the FAA will greatly compromise the quality of life for tens of thousands of Northern New Jersey residents, who would be subjected to the thunderous roar of huge jets at Teterboro if this proposal is enacted," said Rothman, who serves on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, which controls the FAA's budget. "Just like I have in the past, I am going to fight relentlessly to keep these overweight aircraft out of Teterboro. I'll fight alone and with our allies on the Port Authority, to pursuing legislative and all other solutions - to ensure that Teterboro Airport's longstanding weight limits are sustained."

Since the FAA's new proposal calls for exceptions on lifting the ban if an airport can show that its runways cannot bear the weight of planes of a certain level, Rothman is also working with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PA) to demonstrate that Teterboro Airport's runways should not handle overweight planes such as the Boeing Business Jet. Additionally, Rothman has written to FAA Administrator Marion Blakey and plans to speak with her and other top FAA officials in the coming days. Rothman is also exploring legislative options to uphold the 100,000 pound limit at Teterboro Airport.

"If the FAA throws out the 36 year old weight limit ban at Teterboro and allows the Boeing Business Jet to operate there, while knowing full well that the people of the region, their Congressman, and the operator of the airport, the Port Authority, so adamantly oppose such an action, what's to stop them from forcing ever larger jets from coming in next," Rothman said. "This is a dangerous slippery slope that threatens to change the very character of Teterboro Airport from a small, general aviation airport to a commercial facility with huge jets. There is a time and place for everything, except there will never be a time and Teterboro will never be the place for the Boeing Business Jet."

As a lifelong Bergen County resident, Rothman has been a leader in fighting aircraft noise at Teterboro Airport. One of Rothman's major victories against aircraft noise came last year when he secured a PA ban on Stage 1 aircraft, the noisiest type of planes.

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