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To Immediately Examine The Airline's Service

houseWashington, DC - In a two-pronged approach aimed at ultimately stopping Indigo Airlines from operating its scheduled service at Teterboro Airport, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today spoke with numerous top level federal officials to get their support for his call to stop the airline from flying into and out of the Northern New Jersey airport. Rothman has focused his efforts on both getting the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to stop Indigo's service because of security concerns and getting the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to uphold the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's (PA) long time ban on scheduled service.

eeeeee"At a time of national security concerns, and just one week after this nation was on high alert at Code Orange for terrorist activities in New York City and New Jersey, and at a moment in history when we appear to be on the brink of war, Indigo's daily scheduled flights allow passengers to board without the security screening mandated at all major airports," Rothman said. "Not only are there obvious security concerns, but if we don't stop Indigo now, the floodgates will open for other carriers in countless cities across America who will want to provide a similar service. We will be inundated with new flights at Teterboro Airport. This cannot happen."

eeeeeeRothman spoke directly with TSA Administrator, Admiral James Loy, who told the Congressman that he was sending TSA agents to Teterboro today to conduct a thorough inspection of Indigo's practices. Rothman also received direct assurances from Homeland Security Undersecretary for Border and Transportation Security Asa Hutchinson that the practices of Indigo at Teterboro are currently and aggressively being reviewed. Additionally, Rothman had an extensive conversation with the FAA's Director of Security and Investigations, Ross Hamory, who told him the matter was under serious investigation. Transportation Secretary Norm Mineta's chief of staff assured Rothman that his department would coordinate closely with the TSA in its security review of Indigo. In addition, for several hours today, Director of Aviation for the PA Bill DeCota joined Rothman in his Washington, DC office helping to explain to the various federal officials the long-standing PA rule against scheduled service at Teterboro.

eeeeee"I have made it clear to top level officials at Homeland Security, the TSA, the FAA, and the Port Authority that in the absence of the security procedures implemented at every major airport in the country, Indigo must be stopped immediately," said Rothman, who sits on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation that oversees the FAA's budget. "If Indigo is allowed to continue operating, we are going to start seeing more scheduled "charter" flights to Teterboro not just from Chicago, where Indigo flies from, but from Kansas City, Dallas, Pittsburgh, and the hundreds of other airports around the nation. This is a violation of Teterboro Airport's rules and it is a threat to our security here in Northern New Jersey."

eeeeeeIndigo has initiated scheduled service on its fleet of planes between Teterboro Airport in New Jersey and Chicago-Midway in Illinois. The company began flying between those two destinations on Monday.

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