

## Rothman Named Aviation Group "Legislator of the Year" Award

March 15, 2001

Rothman Named Aviation Group "Legislator of the Year" Award

Washington, DC -- The National Organization to Insure a Sound-Controlled Environment (N.O.I.S.E.) announced today that New Jersey Congressman Steve Rothman (D-9th) was named the organization's 2001 "Legislator of the Year" for his work to reduce aviation noise levels for the people of Northern New Jersey and throughout the nation.

"Congressman Rothman has been defending his constituents from unreasonably loud airport noise for as long as he has been in the Congress," said N.O.I.S.E. Executive Director Dennis McGrann. "Steve has a record as long as a runway of working to reduce aviation noise levels in New Jersey and across the country."

McGrann specifically pointed to legislation authored by Congressman Rothman to address a loophole in federal aircraft noise requirements. A 1990 law requires planes weighing over 75,000 pounds to be equipped with "Stage 3" engines, which are newer and about 50% quieter than the older "Stage 2" engines. Many smaller, lighter aircraft were not covered by the regulations, and continue to use noisy "Stage 2" engines. Rothman's bill would prohibit the operation of all Stage 2 aircraft, regardless of weight, in the 20 regions of the nation with the worst air noise problems. Rothman latest action has been his effort to keep the Boeing Business Jet out of Teterboro Airport.

Accepting the award, Rothman said, "I am honored to be recognized by N.O.I.S.E. as a leader of the fight to reduce aircraft noise for the people of Bergen and Hudson County and across the nation. Residents of our community are subjected to an unacceptable and continuous barrage of aircraft noise. Enough is enough. That is why I am leading the fight against aircraft noise to restore some peace and quiet and to improve the quality of life for people in our area."

McGrann also pointed out that last year Rothman brought Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator Jane Garvey to his office to discuss aircraft noise issues, his push for an overnight curfew at Teterboro Airport and greater ocean routing of landing patterns. In the last Congress, Rothman also introduced legislation to require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct a nationwide study of pollution, including noise pollution, created by airports.

An affiliate of the National League of Cities, N.O.I.S.E. was established over thirty years ago and is America's oldest nation-wide community based organization. The group is comprised of local governments from across the country that are concerned about airport noise. The FAA, U.S. Department of Transportation, and the EPA have repeatedly recognized N.O.I.S.E. as the leading citizens' voice on airport noise abatement issues.

###

[Go back](#)