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Washington, DC -- Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9), has announced he will proudly renew his membership in the Congressional Caucus on India for the 107th Congress. Rothman believes the Indian Caucus is vital to help him best represent Northern New Jersey's large and active Indian-American community.

The Congressional Caucus on India, is a bipartisan organization established in 1994. The purpose of the group is to increase the bonds of understanding and friendship between the American people and the people of the Republic of India. During the recently concluded 106th Congress, Rothman served as an active member of the Indian Caucus and leveraged his membership on the influential House International Relations Committee to increase the level of economic and political cooperation between the U.S. and India.

"To secure a safer and more democratic world I believe the United States must enhance its alliance with India" Rothman said. "As the world's most populous democracy, India serves as an important symbol of the freedoms that we cherish in the United States. My hope is that other nations, especially un-democratic ones, will look at India as a role model and move to adopt democratic reforms."

"I want to continue my work with the Indian Caucus to ensure that the great relationship between America and India is not only maintained, but strengthened," Rothman added.

During the 106th Congress, Rothman distinguished himself as a leading member of the India Caucus by authoring a number of articles which urged the expansion of U.S. political and economic ties with India. In an opinion article that appeared recently in the publication India Abroad, Rothman wrote "...in the post-Cold War era, a fresh opportunity exists for the United States and India to design a new economic relationship. This is a relationship that should be founded on a model that promotes jobs, promotes prosperity and promotes economic growth in both countries."

Rothman also drafted and introduced H.R.3330, "The United States Support for a Democratic Pakistan Act of 1999." This bill sought to maintain U.S. economic and military sanctions imposed on Pakistan until the President of the United States certifies to Congress that Pakistan has a democratically elected government which shows respect for the basic civil liberties and human rights of the Pakistani people.

Individuals interested in learning more about Congressman Rothman's support for issues of concern to the Indian-American community are urged to contact his office in Washington, DC at (202) 225-5061.

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