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Washington, DC- In honor of his commitment to uphold the standards and integrity of the National Park System and protect our national parks, Congressman Steve Rothman (D- Fair Lawn) was awarded the "Friend of the National Parks" award by the National Parks Conservation Association (NCPA).

"Throughout my eight years in Congress, I have worked to preserve our national parks. They are our national treasures and we must do everything possible to ensure that they are not subjected to anti-environmental actions and development. I am honored to receive this award from an organization that shares my desire to make certain that our national parks remain the best models for land conservation in the United States."

The NCPA is a non-profit organization that advocates for the National Parks and the National Park Service. Their activism includes educating decision-makers and the public about the importance of preserving the parks, helping to convince Members of Congress to uphold the laws that protect the parks and in support of new legislation to address threats to the parks, while fighting attempts to weaken these laws in the courts.

The "Friends of the National parks" award is based solely on a Member of Congress' voting record on legislation deemed by NCPA to be significant to the national parks.

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