

## Fair Lawn Students Discuss Foreign Affairs and More with their Congressman

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Fair  
Lawn High School Students Ask Congressman Rothman about National Issues on the  
Steps of the U.S. Capitol

(Washington,  
DC)-On Tuesday, March 11, 2008, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn)  
answered a host of questions posed by Fair Lawn High School students on the steps  
of the U.S. Capitol.

Foreign  
affairs dominated the nearly hour-long discussion, with multiple inquiries about  
the Middle East, U.S. foreign aid to Israel, and efforts to prevent the flow of  
funding to Hamas and Hezbollah. The group of nearly 30 junior and senior honor  
students also used the opportunity to ask their Congressman about increased support  
for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, education funding, beach erosion,  
efforts to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, the future of U.S. space exploration,  
and civil rights.

"Walking  
up the steps of the U.S. Capitol is still one of the most awe-inspiring experiences  
one can ever have. It was an honor to hold a town hall meeting with these exceptionally  
bright students at such a nationally and internationally regarded center of democracy.  
These young people are already trying to better understand the major issues of  
the day and I came away from our meeting even more optimistic about the future  
of our great nation," said Rothman. He also explained to the students: "There  
is an old saying among Members of Congress that if you ever find yourself not  
moved by the sight of the Capitol, then it's time for you to retire."

The  
Congressman welcomes student groups from all over the 9th Congressional District  
to visit Washington, D.C. His office can also assist schools with scheduling tours  
for various tourist attractions in the nation's capital. Some popular sites include  
the Capitol Building, White House, Supreme Court, Bureau of Engraving and Printing,  
and the State Department. You can contact Rothman's Washington, DC office by calling  
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