

## Congressman Rothman Meets with Armenia's Foreign Minister

(Washington, DC) — On Monday, May 4, 2009, Congressman Steve Rothman, a Member of the House Appropriations Committee State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee, met with Armenia's Foreign Minister, Edward Nalbandian. The Foreign Minister shared the good news that Armenia and Turkey are in the final stages of an agreement to begin discussions on normalizing the relationship between the two countries. The Armenian Foreign Minister also took the occasion to express his gratitude to President Obama and the House Armenia Caucus, of which Rothman is a longstanding member, for their help in achieving this breakthrough. The two countries expect to finalize an agreement in the next few months and have both governments ratify it by the end of the year.

Pictured L to R: Tatoul Markarian, Ambassador of Armenia to the US; Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA); Edward Nalbandian, Armenian Foreign Minister; Rep. Rothman; Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ); and Rep. Scott Garrett (R-NJ)

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