

Congressman Rothman Releases "It Gets Better" Anti-Bullying Video

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Washington, DC — Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ) and a bipartisan group of the New Jersey Senators and Congressmen released a video message for the "It Gets Better" campaign. This is a message to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth and other young people who are bullied that "it gets better."

"I join together with millions of Americans to recognize the importance of diversity in our schools, communities and nation," said Congressman Rothman. "I am proud to stand with my New Jersey colleagues in sending a message to our nation's youth that your life may be hard because of bullies, but, in time, it really does get better."

As an advocate for student achievement and a member of the Congressional Equality Caucus, Congressman Rothman has made it a priority to ensure that schools and communities provide a safe environment where all students have the opportunity to succeed regardless of their differences. He is an original cosponsor of the Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act and is the author of legislation which established the COPS Office's Secure Our Schools grant program under the Department of Judiciary. Both programs protect young people from harassment and danger in their communities.

Members of the congressional delegation who participated in the video with Congressman Rothman include Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Congressman Rush Holt (D-NJ), Congressman Leonard Lance (R-NJ), Congressman Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ), Congressman Bill Pascrell (D-NJ), Congressman Donald Payne (D-NJ), Congressman Jon Runyan (R-NJ), and Congressman Albio Sires (D-NJ).

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