

## Congressman Steve Rothman Expresses Support for the State of Israel's Right to Defend itself from Gaza Rocket Attacks

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Washington, DC &ndash; Congressman Steve Rothman issued the following statement expressing support for Israel's response to Gazans' rocket assaults against Israeli civilians:

"I strongly support the Jewish State of Israel's right to defend itself in response to the rocket and mortar attacks that have been fired on innocent Israeli civilians by Gaza terrorists. In fact, since Israel's voluntary departure from the Gaza Strip in September 2005, Hamas and other Gaza terrorists have launched more than 9,000 rockets and mortars on Israeli towns.

While I deeply regret the loss of civilian life on both sides, Hamas (which controls all of Gaza), bears full responsibility for the death of its citizens, who are being used as pawns and human shields by the Gaza terrorists. The Israeli government is absolutely justified to take action to defend their endangered citizens and bring an end to the terror from Gaza."

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