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As First to Endorse Him, Rothman to Work Closely with Menendez On Behalf of New Jersey

(Washington, DC)— Today, Rep. Steve Rothman (NJ-9) will be in Washington, DC to support his good friend and New Jersey's newest Senator, Bob Menendez, during his swearing-in ceremony at 10:30am. Rothman, who was the first in New Jersey's Congressional delegation to throw his support behind Menendez, anticipates a close working relationship with the Senator that will benefit all New Jerseyans and ensure North Jerseyans have a voice at the national level.

"Bob will be a Senator who will make all New Jerseyans proud," said Rothman. "The more New Jerseyans meet with him and learn about his record of accomplishment, high ideals, and common sense approach to government, the more they will be grateful that Governor Jon Corzine chose Congressman Menendez as New Jersey's new Senator."

Last Monday, Rothman and Menendez met with citizens of Bergen County at the Senior Activity Center in Cliffside Park, NJ where the conversation quickly turned to problems with the President's Medicare Prescription Drug plan. The two Congressmen from North Jersey explained their joint efforts on the floor of the House of Representatives to fight for a real benefit that would expand Medicare and eliminate coverage gaps and their votes against the President's plan that was ultimately enacted.

Ensuring seniors have access to the resources they need to live with dignity in their golden years "is a fight I am proud to continue in the United States Senate on behalf of all seniors," said Menendez immediately after the event.

In November, Rothman praised Menendez's toughness and ethical backbone, which he demonstrated early when he stood up to a corrupt mayor of Union City and had to wear a bulletproof vest because of threats to his life. Rothman also applauded Menendez's record of creating opportunities for everyone and rewarding those who work hard.

"I look forward to building on our long friendship to improve the everyday lives of New Jerseyans, fighting for a safe and secure state, and enhancing federal programs that ensure all citizens have access to health care and the other services they need to achieve a better future for their families," said Rothman.

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