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Discusses Current Initiatives To Prevent Drug Use

Among Americans, Provide Treatment To Addicts

Washington, DC - As part of his ongoing effort to fight drug use in Northern New Jersey and throughout the United States, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today met in his Washington, DC office with National Drug Control Policy Director John Walters to talk about the nation's drug policy. During their meeting, Rothman and Walters discussed increasing federal funds to states for drug treatment programs, as well as the important role advertisement campaigns play in keeping children and adults off drugs.

"I was very pleased to have the opportunity to sit down in my office with the head of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, John Walters, to discuss our government's latest efforts in the war against drugs, especially the use of drugs by our nation's young people," Rothman said. "Too many lives have been lost and too many families have been shattered by drug use in New Jersey and across the nation. It is important that we send a strong, clear message to all Americans, especially children, about the very harmful, lasting, and often fatal effects of drug use. At the same time, it is crucial that we provide proven drug treatment programs to drug users that will help them break free of their addiction and start living healthier and more productive lives."

Rothman serves on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, which has oversight over the National Drug Control Policy's budget.

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