

Rothman Presses FAA Administrator on Teterboro Airport at Congressional Hearing

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(Washington, DC)â€” On Tuesday, March 7, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) pressed Marian Blakey, head of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), about the need to reduce flights at Teterboro Airport. Specifically, he pointed out the problems with her agencyâ€™s threats against the New York/New Jersey Port Authority, which are preventing the PA from reducing the number of flights at Teterboro.

â€œI find the disconnect between the FAAâ€™s people in Washington, DC and the real concerns of the Port Authority and my constituents very disturbing. Washington, DC doesnâ€™t always know best and instead of threatening the Port Authority, you should work with them to improve safety and reduce the number of flights at Teterboro Airport,â€ said Rothman.

Rothmanâ€™s arguments during a Congressional hearing with Blakey, Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, and other transportation officials came just days after another incident at the small airport caused major air traffic delays throughout the entire New York metropolitan air space and raised concerns about safety.

At the end of his statement, Rothman said: â€œI believe Ms. Blakeyâ€™s response will come in actions, not words.â€

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