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Huntington, NY – Friday, Rep. Steve Israel (D – NY) announced the launch of a new Twitter feed and encouraged his constituents to follow his daily activities in Congress and on Long Island.

"My goal is to communicate with my constituents in as many ways as I can – whether it's by having a debate at the diner or by telling them how I just voted through Twitter," said Rep. Israel.

Late last year, the Committee on House Administration approved new rules for Congressional websites, allowing Members to keep official content on non-Congressional websites. Rep. Israel currently keeps pages on YouTube, Flickr and Twitter.

According to the Sunlight Foundation, approximately 50 Members of Congress and nearly 20 Senators are currently using Twitter to communicate with constituents.

Twitter distributes information to a webpage and to followers who choose to receive updates, either via the website or text message. Twitter updates are limited to 140 characters. Registration on the site is not required to view the Congressman's updates. Rep. Israel is the first Member of the Long Island Congressional Delegation to launch an official Twitter feed.

Rep. Israel's websites can be found online at:

- http://twitter.com/repsteveisrael
- http://youtube.com/repsteveisrael
- http://flickr.com/repsteveisrael
- http://israel.house.gov