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## STATEMENT OF GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PLANS TO CUT CUSTOMS WAIT TIMES

**NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY** –Global Gateway Alliance Chairman and Founder Joe Sitt released the following statement on President Obama's proposed customs wait time reduction measures:

"New York metro airports are the busiest international passenger gateways in the country, and have suffered from the longest customs lines in the country for too long. President Obama's announcement today to address the problem is very welcome, but relief has to come quickly in the form of better technology and more manpower.

"The good news is: Global Gateway Alliance's customs wait times studies have shown that automated passport kiosks work, cutting wait times by almost half at the two JFK terminals in which they've been deployed. Now it's time to bring these kiosks and proper staffing to all of the international arrivals terminals at New York and New Jersey airports."

[http://globalgatewayalliance.org/sites/default/files/files/PR%20Wait%20Time%20Study%203\\_5\\_14\(1\).pdf](http://globalgatewayalliance.org/sites/default/files/files/PR%20Wait%20Time%20Study%203_5_14(1).pdf)

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### **ABOUT GGA**

Global Gateway Alliance (GGA) was established to address the major challenges facing the metropolitan region's airports and related infrastructure that, if left unaddressed, will serve as a major impediment to the long-term growth of New York City and surrounding areas. By harnessing the expertise of leaders in business, government, academia, labor and other sectors, we seek to tackle these challenges head-on and serve as the leading advocate in an effort to improve our airports and facilitate the continued growth of the region. For more information regarding the Global Gateway Alliance, please visit [www.globalgatewayalliance.org](http://www.globalgatewayalliance.org). Follow GGA on Twitter @GGA\_NYNJ and 'Like' the organization on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UsqxGw>.

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