



Statement from Global Gateway Alliance on FAA NextGen Cuts in New Federal Budget

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY – With U.S. Representative Frank Lobiondo (R-NJ), Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Aviation Subcommittee, holding a field hearing today on NextGen Air Traffic technology, Global Gateway Alliance issued the following statement responding to the FAA’s FY 2015 budget cut of \$65 million to the program:

“Newark, LaGuardia and JFK airports were the #1, #2 and #5 most delayed airports in the entire country in 2013, so cutting funding to finally replace outdated radar with satellite air traffic technology is particularly harmful to New York and New Jersey.

“For the FAA to ask Congress for a 7% cut in funding for NextGen defies common sense. The United States is behind both major developed countries and those in the developing world when it comes to air traffic technology, and for decades NextGen has been the answer. Yet the full rollout of the program is pushed back year after year – already falling from 2020 to 2025, according to recent estimates. And here in the New York market, our air space contributes to one-half to three-quarters of all daily flight delays throughout the country, so we simply can’t wait for relief to come.

“The FAA must make NextGen a true priority and foster a sense of urgency for its implementation. Unilaterally deciding to cut the budget for the program is going in exactly the wrong direction. Instead, the agency and the entire Federal Government need to ramp up NextGen and implement it fully in the New York market first to relieve delays and meet demand both here and across the country.”

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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. Follow GGA on Twitter @GGA_NY NJ and ‘Like’ the organization on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UsqxGw>.

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