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## **GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE STATEMENT RESPONDING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF AIRCRAFT NOISE MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR NY-AREA AIRPORTS**

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY – The Global Gateway Alliance today released the following statement regarding steps announced earlier by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to reduce noise around regional airports:

"The Port Authority is taking strong measures today to address noise concerns at our airports, at Governor Cuomo's direction. We applaud these moves, and in November called for an increase in the number of noise monitors.

"But these initiatives must not lead to any further delays in implementing the NextGen air traffic control system that New York-New Jersey airports need. In particular, many of the noise concerns stem from the NextGen related 'TNNIS Climb' take off pattern at LaGuardia, which increases efficiency and allows for more runway capacity at JFK Airport. It's one small step in finally replacing decades old radar air traffic systems with a 21st Century GPS-guided system - reducing delays, cutting emissions, and ultimately leading to less airplane noise.

"Reducing noise is a worthy, necessary goal – but NextGen and the 'TNNIS Climb' must continue to move forward if we are going to modernize our airports and alleviate the worst delays in the nation."

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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\_NY NJ and 'Like' the organization on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UsqxGw>.

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