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## GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE APPLAUDS TAXI OF TOMORROW DECISION AS “STEP FORWARD FOR AIRPORT PASSENGER COMFORT AND SAFETY”

**(NEW YORK – NEW JERSEY)** – *Global Gateway Alliance Chairman and Founder Joe Sitt made the following statement today on the De Blasio administration’s decision to move forward with the Taxi of Tomorrow program:*

“The Taxi of Tomorrow is a big step forward for access to our airports, and more importantly, for the millions of passengers who for too long have suffered the cramped, uncomfortable and at times unsafe conditions in the long taxi rides to and from JFK and LaGuardia.

“GGA has long advocated for the Taxi of Tomorrow, even joining a court case in support of it, so we are excited that the the Taxi of Tomorrow will usher in a new age of comfortable, safe rides for drivers and passengers alike, and move New York closer to 21<sup>st</sup> Century airport access.”

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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\_NYNY and ‘Like’ the organization on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UsqxGw>.

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