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GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE APPLAUDS FAA DECISION TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING TAKEOFF AND LANDING — CALLS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NEXT GEN TO FULLY BRING NEW YORK METRO AIRPORTS INTO 21ST CENTURY

“We join the more than 110 million passengers at New York City metropolitan airports and millions of travelers around the country today in applauding the FAA's decision to lift the arbitrary restrictions on electronic games and readers during takeoff and landing.

“Gone will be much of the needless friction and frustration between passengers and crew, and we can all look forward to a little more peace on planes.

“Now it's time for the FAA to move on to the much bigger challenge of finally fixing a decades-old air traffic control system that has led to gridlock in the skies -- especially in the New York area. The bottom line is passengers have better GPS on those electronic devices they carry on board than the planes do themselves. The FAA must bring the new NextGen GPS technology to New York and to the nation's air traffic system.”

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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, or email info@globalgatewayalliance.org. Follow GGA on Twitter @GGA_NYNJ and 'Like' the organization on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UsqxGw>.

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