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GGA Statement Opposing “Temporary” Caps on New York – New Jersey Airport Flights

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY – Global Gateway Alliance Chairman and Founder Joseph Sitt today released the following statement opposing the so-called temporary caps on capacity at New York City regional airports. Starting in 2007, the Federal Aviation Administration placed “temporary” limits on New York New Jersey Airport operations (background links provided below).

"Capping our airport capacity simply doesn't make sense. It hasn't relieved congestion, as New York area airports were the most delayed in the country last year. It hasn't reduced demand, since our airports now serve more than 111 million passengers a year. And the cap hasn't been 'temporary' as the FAA claims, since it's been in effect for more than seven years. Instead of arbitrary caps to shrink our airports, the FAA should be concentrating on new NextGen air traffic technology that will meet passenger demand for more flights and fewer delays."

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/03/26/2014-06663/operating-limitations-at-newark-liberty-international-airport#h-4>

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/03/26/2014-06686/operating-limitations-at-john-f-kennedy-international-airport#h-4>

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/03/27/2014-06659/operating-limitations-at-new-york-laguardia-airport>

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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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