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**GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE ISSUES STATEMENT ON U.S. TRAVEL ASSOCIATION REPORT
ON CUSTOMS WAIT TIMES**

*The following is a statement from **Joseph Sitt, Global Gateway Alliance Chairman**, on US Travel Association Report of Customs Delays at US Airports:*

“Today’s report on customs delays by the US Travel Association confirms GGA’s findings from just two days ago -- millions of JFK passengers are facing intolerably long wait times just to get into the airport, and it carries a huge cost. Our airports are economic engines for region, and the first and last impression travelers have of New York. Without real reform of the system by Customs and Border Protection, this already dire situation will only worsen as each of the gateway cities studied relies on continued growth in international travelers.

“We applaud USTA for the report, and reiterate our commitment to working with CBP, the airlines, and stakeholders to implement needed changes like Automated Kiosks and more CBP Officers at New York area airports.”

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For more information on the GGA Report, click [here](#).

For the U.S. Travel Association report, click [here](#).

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 the [website www.globalgatewayalliance.org](http://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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