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## GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE ON THE LONG-AWAITED LAUNCH OF FREE WIFI AT NY AREA AIRPORTS

**(NEW YORK – NEW JERSEY)** – *Global Gateway Alliance Chairman and Founder Joe Sitt made the following statement today on the launch of free WiFi at New York area airports in line with the contract between the Port Authority and wireless internet provider Boingo amended in June this year:*

“The launch of free WiFi for our region’s 112 million air passengers is an important step toward finally bringing our airports closer to par with our national and global competitors.

“Passenger amenities at the region’s airports have seen much improvement over the past year – including the introduction of automated customs kiosks, food and technology upgrades, broader retail offerings, and now the start of free WiFi.

“But this should only be the start of the Port Authority and airlines at New York and New Jersey airports focusing on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century amenities that make the airport experience better for millions of passengers.”

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

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