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GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE STATEMENT ON FAA PROPOSAL TO MAKE FLIGHT CAPS IN NY-NJ PERMANENT

(NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY) – *Below is a statement from Global Gateway Alliance Chairman and Founder Joe Sitt on the FAA's new proposed rule that would make permanent the caps on the number of flights allowed at LaGuardia, JFK and Newark airports. The rule would retain the "temporary" hourly caps that have been in place since 2007, introduce daily caps, and institute some initiatives to increase competition and reporting on the slots.*

Links to a brief of the proposed rule, and the rule itself, are included below this statement.

"While greater transparency and competition for slots is positive, taking 'temporary' caps that depress our airport capacity and making them permanent is the wrong solution for cutting delays. In the eight years the caps have been in place, they haven't relieved congestion, since New York area airports are still the most delayed in the country. And they haven't reduced demand, since our airports now serve more than 112 million passengers a year.

"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."

Rule Brief: <http://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=81144>

Federal Register: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/01/08/2014-30378/slot-management-and-transparency-for-laguardia-airport-john-f-kennedy-international-airport-and>

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