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GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE STATEMENT ON RECORD NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AT NY-NJ AIRPORTS

(NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY) – *Below is a statement from Global Gateway Alliance Chairman and Founder Joe Sitt on today's announcement that a record 117 million passengers traveled through New York-New Jersey area airports in 2014:*

"A new record for passengers clearly demonstrates rising demand and the importance of our airports to the region. But an increase in passengers must be matched by an increase in investment if we are going to be able to continue to grow and finally create a better passenger experience.

"Plans to bring an AirTrain to LaGuardia and the PATH to Newark Liberty are both good first steps, but we have to comprehensively improve access to all our airports, modernize the airports themselves, and most critically, finally bring 21st Century NextGen air traffic technology to LaGuardia, JFK and Newark to increase capacity and reduce delays. Without these measures, the growth we've been seeing every year will meet a ceiling that will hurt our region's competitiveness."

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

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