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**STATEMENT ON U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW
“AUTOMATED KIOSKS” AT JFK TERMINAL 4**

“We’re pleased that after GGA’s and the USTA’s studies last week demonstrating extreme wait times at JFK Customs, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has announced one important step that we jointly called for -- automated passport scanning technology, that Delta and IAT funded at Terminal 4. As the largest global gateway to the U.S. - JFK should be the top priority for fixes to the horrendous wait times that millions of travelers are facing.

“Now, CBP and Congress must take the next steps – like adequately staffing Customs booths to meet the increasing demand at JFK, deploying “Rapid Response Teams” that can move between terminals, providing transparent public information, and approving full federal funding for CBP – that will create a comprehensive solution to a problem that hurts our brand and our economy. “

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ABOUT GGA

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