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GGA BOARD MEMBERS: “Governor Cuomo is taking our airports out of the 'middle seat' and placing them on the top of the priorities list”

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY – The board members of the Global Gateway Alliance today released the following statement praising Governor Cuomo's plan to bring a new focus on modernizing the region's airports:

“For decades, New York City airport modernization has been squeezed out by budget shortfalls and other infrastructure projects. Today, Governor Cuomo is taking our airports out of the 'middle seat' and placing them on the top of the priorities list.

“New York airports are vital to our region's economy and brand, but they have gone from the best in the nation to the worst on survey after survey. The Governor is right to put his Administration's energy and focus behind fixing this problem.

“The Global Gateway Alliance business, labor, academia and government coalition was formed to address exactly the problems Governor Cuomo highlighted today – and to partner with his Administration to help. We're thrilled our mantle is being taken up at the highest levels and we look forward to working with the Governor and his team to make the vision of world-class airports a reality for our world-class city.”

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, or email info@globalgatewayalliance.org. Follow GGA on Twitter @GGA_NYNJ and ‘Like’ the organization on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UsqxGw>.

GGA's board of directors includes: **Joe Sitt** (Chairman), CEO, Thor Equities; **Stuart Appelbaum**, President of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union; **Chris Giamo**, Regional President for TD Bank; Dan Glickman former Congressman and U.S. Agriculture Secretary; **David Hopkins**, Senior Director of Aviation at the New York City Economic Development Corporation; **Jared Kushner**, Owner of Kushner Properties and the New York Observer; **George Miranda**, Teamsters' International Vice President; **Mitchell Moss**, Henry Hart Rice Professor of Urban Policy and Planning at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University; **William Rudin**, CEO of Rudin Management Company, Inc. and Chairman of ABNY; **Joseph Spinnato**, President of the Hotel Association of New York City; **Alvin S. Trenk**, Chairman and CEO of Air Pegasus Corp; **Peter Ward**, President of the Hotel Trades Council on New York; **Kathryn Wylde**, President of the Partnership for New York City, and **Tim Zagat**, Co-Founder and Co-Chair of Zagat Survey.