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STATEMENT FROM GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE CHAIRMAN JOE SITT ON TSA PRESS DEMONSTRATION OF "CORRECT" PASSENGER SECURITY LINE BEHAVIOR

(NEW YORK) — *Global Gateway Alliance Chairman Joseph Sitt released the following statement today:*

"Blaming passengers won't solve the problem of unconscionably long security lines at our airports. Instead, TSA needs to address the issue head on to avoid a real crisis during the busy summer travel season, including:

- Relentlessly advocating for increased staffing, which has been cut by 70 positions at Newark, and creatively deploying current staff to ensure the most effective coverage of the security lines themselves;
- Better marketing of PreCheck and bringing enrollment centers to our airports and to more convenient locations; and
- Tracking and publishing real wait times on publicly available websites.

Safe and efficient security at our airports is too important to get wrong."

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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>.

GGA's board of directors includes: **Joseph Sitt** (Chairman), CEO, Thor Equities; **Stuart Appelbaum** (Vice President), President of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union; **Angelo Genova**, Founding Partner at Genova Burns and a former New Jersey Commissioner of the Port Authority; **Chris Giamo**, Regional President for TD Bank; **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 Ex-Officio 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; **Tom Wright**, Executive Director of the Regional Plan Association; **Kathryn Wylde**, President of the Partnership for New York City, and **Tim Zagat**, Co-Founder and Co-Chair of Zagat Survey.