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**Announcement By Secretary Peters Regarding
New York Congestion and Delays**

The Air Carrier Association of America (“ACAA”) applauds the actions taken by the Department of Defense to make airspace available for commercial flights in the New York airspace, at New York area airports, and throughout the Northeast United States during the July Fourth weekend. We thank Secretary Mary Peters for her leadership on this issue.

ACAA Executive Director, Ed Faberman, stated:

The airspace actions announced will allow travelers to reach their destinations and focus on celebrations and family during this important weekend. These steps will encourage people to travel, helping to produce the economic benefits that are generated by a robust and timely travel /tourism system. We look forward to continuing to work with the Secretary to make other important changes to the system to reduce concerns about congestion and delays.

Ed added, “We will gladly meet with the Secretary and her key advisors to discuss additional steps to strengthen the system.”

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