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Reduction in Notification Time Period for
Gary / Chicago International Airport Customs Facility
Reduced Notification Period Increases Demand for Corporate and Private Aviation Flights

(Gary, IN) – The United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recently announced the required clearing period for international flights has been reduced to 24 hours, down from the previous 48-72-hour notification period. This important reduction was sought by the Gary / Chicago International Airport (GCIA) Authority to further stimulate the airports international corporate and private aviation traffic and was made possible by the strong advocacy of Senator Mike Braun, Congressman Pete Visclosky (D-1st) and City of Gary Mayor Jerome Prince.

"This is a greatly welcomed development and we express our sincere gratitude to Senator Braun, Congressman Visclosky, Mayor Prince and Customs Director Pete Campbell for their efforts in adjusting this process," **said GCIA Authority Chairman Tim Fesko**. "The reduced notification period will increase demand for our private and corporate aviation landings, allowing GCIA increased offerings to our customers."

In 2018, GCIA opened their state-of-the-art customs facility allowing air travelers to fly into the airport from any global destination without first needing to stop elsewhere to clear customs. The customs facility has provided GCIA a strong competitive advantage among corporate and private aviation air travelers, with the reduced time anticipated to substantially increase demand for private and corporate aviation landings.

"Thanks to the efforts of Congressman Visclosky, Gary's Mayor Jerome Prince, and CBP Chicago Port Director C. Shane Campbell, the Gary/Chicago International Airport has taken a big leap forward for economic development in the Gary region," **said Senator Mike Braun.** "This 24-hour Customs clearance change sets the stage for full-time U.S. Customs agents to serve in the airport and opens the door to GCIA becoming a fully-staffed facility with international flights."

The airport is the cornerstone of a renewed economy in Gary, Indiana and is uniquely positioned near Lake Michigan and Downtown Chicago to leverage both its location and the surrounding transportation network to change the dynamic in the region. It has seen substantial growth over the past few years and has emerged as an important economic engine fueling the regional economy.

"We're excited at the great progress Congressman Pete Visclosky and Sen. Mike Braun have made with Customs and Border Protection and Director Campbell in significantly reducing the amount of time our airport needs to respond to requests for an international customs agent," **said City of Gary Mayor Jerome Prince.** "This is public service in action, and the increased responsiveness will draw more economic development to the Gary Chicago International Airport, the City of Gary and Northwest Indiana."

CBP Instructions for Airport Users
The facility is an on-call General Aviation CBP facility. Pilots or flight departments are required to notify U.S. CBP officials at least 72 hours prior to arrival at GYY and an estimated time of arrival is required. Facility officials can be reached at 773-948-6330. All pilots and passengers must clear U.S. Customs and Immigration inspection upon entering the United States from a foreign country. The maximum number of crew and passengers per aircraft that will be allowed to clear customs is 20 individuals total. All user instructions and fees can be found at www.flygyy.com/us-customs-facility.

About Gary/Chicago International Airport
Located minutes from the shores of Lake Michigan and just 25 miles from downtown Chicago, Gary/Chicago International Airport (GYY) is a full-service airport and a premiere destination for corporate and weekend flyers in the Chicago metropolitan region and Northwest Indiana. To learn more, visit the airport's new website at FlyGYY.com.

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