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STATEMENT FROM JEFF FEGAN, CEO DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

RESPONSE TO SECRETARY NORMAN MINETA'S TESTIMONY TODAY

DFW International Airport praises Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta for echoing the concerns of the nation's airports before the House Subcommittee on Aviation today. Secretary Mineta asked Congress to provide him "the tools and the flexibility needed to build this young organization," referring to the Transportation Security Administration.

Secretary Mineta is to be commended for his candor and his understanding of the logistical nightmares that could face millions of passengers over the busy Christmas-New Year holiday period. Let me be clear, no director at any airport across this country is soft on security, and the Secretary's recognition of the overwhelming obstacles meeting the statutory deadlines should serve as a catalyst for a more measured, logical and customer sensitive approach to security at our nation's airports.

In a news release issued earlier today, DFW International Airport voiced its strong support for H.R. 3515 attached to the Homeland Security bill, which provides flexibility for the TSA and airports to meet the federally mandated requirement for screening all checked baggage for explosives. U.S. Representative Kay Granger of Texas authored the legislation that is co-sponsored by 22 other representatives from both parties.

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, offering nearly 2000 flights per day and serving 55 million passengers a year. DFW International Airport provides non-stop service to 130 domestic and 30 international destinations worldwide.

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