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**DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT URGES U.S. SENATE
TO FOLLOW U.S. HOUSE LEAD AND ADD FLEXIBILITY
PROVISION TO HOMELAND SECURITY BILL**

**PROVISION GIVES TRANSPORTATION SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION OPTIONS WITHOUT
COMPROMISING SECURITY**

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (August 19, 2002) – DFW International Airport announced today that 133 airports representing more than 463 million enplaned passengers across the U.S. have signed a letter to the U.S. Senate urging lawmakers to provide the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) with critically needed flexibility regarding the December 31, 2002 baggage screening deadline. DFW Airport signed the letter and issued a strong statement of support for adding a flexibility provision to Senate bill S. 2452, "National Homeland Security and Combating Terrorism Act of 2002." The airports signing on the letter handled approximately 74 percent of the nation's air travelers.

"This letter is proof this is not a 'big airport' issue but a serious security and customer issue that affects the world's busiest airport (Atlanta Hartsfield) to Huron Regional Airport in South Dakota, which handles 1,500 passenger a year," said Jeff Fegan, CEO at DFW International Airport, the world's third busiest airport. "The TSA's lack of funding, machines and manpower will create lines three hours long in some airports, just to check bags. That will have a grave ripple effect on every airport in the country."

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DFW officials have led a strong airport coalition that encourages the TSA to extend the deadline for baggage screening so that the TSA and airports can develop individualized security plans that make sense for each facility. Meanwhile, airport security continues to remain at its highest level post September 11.

Airports representing 46 states signed the letter to the Senate. It urges the addition of flexibility language similar to that passed last month in the U.S. House of Representatives providing for flexibility in the baggage screening deadline.

For several months, airports across the country have been urging the federal government to provide flexibility in the baggage screening deadline to avoid wasting limited millions of dollars in federal funds on interim solutions that will have to be replaced in short order. The airports believe that December 31, 2002 is an arbitrary deadline set for the TSA that cannot be met at many U.S. airports. If the deadline is not extended, the airports believe it will have serious implications for security, customer service, airport facilities and passengers' willingness to travel, and will impact the national economy.

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, offering nearly 2,000 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. For the latest news, real-time flight information, parking availability or further details regarding the many services provided at DFW International Airport, log on to www.dfwairport.com.

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