



## Press Release

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### **IAPA accepted by DOT Secretary to sit on National Task Force on Tarmac Delays**

IAPA is pleased to advise its members that Daniel Rutenberg, vice president of Marketing, has been named by Mary Peters, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, to be a member of the US National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays (Tarmac Delay Task Force), as it appeared in the Federal Registry of February 11, 2008. IAPA is one of the 34-member group, which is well balanced with representatives from diverse agencies, organizations and individuals representing airlines, airports, consumer groups and other interested parties in the U.S.

For more than 45 years, IAPA has been advocating on behalf of its members throughout the world for a better travel experience within the civil aviation industry. IAPA members can voice their opinions and views with the assurance that they will be presented on their behalf in an effective manner. IAPA has also been a member of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee and the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC).

The DOT Task Force was created to develop a strategy for dealing with long ground delays throughout the United States. According to comments filed in the Federal Registry on December 17, 2007, the Task Force will develop plans for minimizing the impact of such delays on passengers. The Task Force will also be responsible for reviewing incidents where these delays occur and identifying trends and patterns in them.

The first meeting of the Task Force will be held in Washington D.C. on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

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#### **Notes to the Editor:**

##### **About IAPA**

IAPA (The International Airline Passenger Association) has been at the forefront of travel issues for 47 years. IAPA was set up to represent the interests of frequent air travelers by protecting and promoting their rights as airline passengers, as well as providing them with special group discounts on items such as hotel accommodation, car rental and insurance.

Since its inception IAPA has been campaigning on behalf of frequent travelers - on safety and security, improving passenger comfort and getting better value for money. We pride ourselves in informing our members about the wider travel community issues that affect them, and represent airline passenger interests to industry and government bodies.

We strive to meet the needs of the frequent flyer and continue to stand up for the rights of the individual passenger at all opportunities.

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