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## **RAA Lauds Stay of New York Slot Auctions, Prevents a “Bad Trip”**

After working tirelessly to oppose slot auctions at three New York area airports, RAA today praised the U.S. Court of Appeals decision to uphold a temporary stay of implementation. RAA has been sharply critical of the slot auction rule, calling it "illegal" and a "threat to small and medium-sized communities across the nation." Having previously called the proposal "like eBay on psychedelics," RAA's President, Roger Cohen, credited the U.S. Court with saving travelers from "a bad trip." RAA's Cohen went on to criticize the Bush Administration for pushing slot auctions over the protests of the regional airline industry. "A full 75 percent of our nation's airports receive service exclusively by regional airlines. To ignore this constituency sends a strong message that small community air service is not important to this Administration. RAA looks forward to working with President-elect Barack Obama, Congress, and other concerned stakeholders to improve the travel experience everywhere -- both at the New York area airports and across the nation."

Click [here](#) to view the court order.

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