

Dear Member,

In preparation for our next meeting in April on Legislative Affairs, I wanted to bring you up to date on some issues before Congress that affect all of us in the travel industry. Please click on the links below to learn more about the various issues that impact business travelers and the business travel industry.

- IATA NDC – New Fare Distribution Dynamics
- Risk-Based Passenger Screening (TSA PreCheck and CBP Global Entry)
- Corporate Tax Reform
- Aviation Security Funding
- *NextGen* – Air Traffic Control Modernization
- Visa Waiver Program and Visa Application Process
- Discriminatory Travel Taxes and Fees
- European Union Emissions Trading Scheme

You can help to support GBTA's position on the following bills by logging into the GBTA website, accessing the Legislative Action Center (Under Advocacy) and sending a note to your representative. **Every voice makes a difference.**



[International Travel Bill Helps Travel Industry](#)

Ask Your Rep. to Sponsor

U.S. Representatives Joe Heck (R-NV) and Mike Quigley (D-IL) have recently introduced the JOLT Act (Jobs Originating through Launching Travel). GBTA supports this bi-partisan bill and other government policies that facilitate international business travel – a solid investment in the nation's economy. Under the Act, countries that offer tremendous business opportunities, including Brazil - the world's sixth largest economy with a projected \$35 billion business travel market in 2013, could become eligible for the Visa Waiver Program. Eligible Brazilian business travelers can make last-minutes business trips to the U.S. without a visa rather than pursuing commercial opportunities elsewhere. Likewise, reducing delays for processing visa applications in other countries translates into greater growth opportunities for U.S. companies. GBTA urges you to contact your Representative and seek support for these reforms.



[Stop Taxes on Rental Cars](#)

Support Federal Fix

GBTA is opposed to taxing [travelers](#) for items that don't directly [benefit](#) the traveler. However, states and localities have long viewed travelers as a pot of money to be tapped for projects that offer little if any benefit to the traveler.

A bi-partisan group of U.S. Representatives has introduced H.R. 2543 the End Discriminatory State Taxes for Automobile Renters. Contact your Representative and ask them to co-sponsor this bill.

We will discuss how you can help make a difference in our industry at our April 9th meeting at the Lowes Madison Hotel. Please join us.

Sincerely,

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