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**Gary / Chicago International Airport Statement on Flight Operations and Relation to
U.S. Immigration Policy**

Statement Follows Recent Inquiries Stemming from Trump Administration Executive Orders

(Gary, IN – January 23rd, 2025) – The [Gary / Chicago International Airport \(GCIAG\)](#) Authority (the airport’s board of directors) is releasing the following statement regarding its flight operations and their relation to U.S. immigration policy.

This statement is in response to multiple inquiries regarding the use of U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) chartered planes operating out of the airport, following the 10 Presidential Executive Orders issued by the Trump Administration surrounding U.S. immigration policy on January 20th, 2025.

“The Gary / Chicago International Airport Authority and the Airport play no role in establishing or enforcing federal immigration policy, which is overseen by the United States government. Like almost every other airport nationwide, GCIAG receives federal funding, and the airport’s assurances pertaining to the federal funding prohibits the airport from discriminating against any flight coming in or out of the airport. This means the airport cannot stop ICE-chartered planes from using the airport. The airport itself does not have any flight servicing contracts with ICE.”

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