



November 12, 2018

Mr. Kevin McAleenan  
Commissioner  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20229

Dear Commissioner McAleenan,

We are writing to share our commitment to working with you toward implementation of a biometric exit program for international departing passengers traveling through Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac).

Sea-Tac has grown exponentially in terms of the number of international passengers travelling through our airport. While we are investing significantly in new facilities and infrastructure to better accommodate that increased demand, we know that the implementation of new technologies – including biometrics – must be part of our strategy for moving people quickly and securely in and out of our facility.

In partnership with Lufthansa, CBP has already conducted a biometric exit pilot project at Sea-Tac. Building on that success, our Director of Airport Innovation has been tasked with leading our efforts to implement and expand biometric exit. We are currently benchmarking best practices – including specific vendors and software – and plan to deploy another biometric exit pilot at Sea-Tac in 2019, and then additional implementation in 2020.

The installation of biometric exit is one step in our partnership with you to bring technology and innovation to the international arriving passenger process – both increasing security and reducing processing wait times. We are preparing for CBP to fully deploy biometric entry as part of the opening of our new International Arrivals Facility in 2020, and we are excited to continue discussions with you on other new processes and procedures – such as real time messaging to arriving passengers and facial recognition exit gates for arriving Trusted Travelers.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership to provide a safe and expeditious travel experience through Sea-Tac for arriving international passenger. I look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Lance Lyttle", enclosed in a blue circular scribble.

Lance Lyttle  
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