



REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT BOARD
OF HAMPDEN COUNTY, INC.

Your Connection to Workforce Development

February 16, 2010

The Honorable Gary LeBeau
Deputy President Pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 417
Hartford, CT 06106-1595

Re: Bradley Airport Development Zone

Dear Senator LeBeau and Members of the General Assembly:

The Regional Employment Board of Hampden County, Inc. urges you to enact legislation creating a Bradley Airport Development Zone around Bradley International Airport in the upcoming legislative session.

As Connecticut's flagship airport, Bradley is an important economic development engine in the region. Its tremendous impact on the state's economy has been documented by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. But it has yet to reach its full potential. Creating a Bradley Airport Development Zone would capitalize on the airport's optimal location. It would foster new business development, add jobs and generate new state and municipal tax revenues.

We strongly encourage you to seize this opportunity by adopting Bradley Airport Development Zone legislation during this session of the General Assembly.

Thank you in advance for your support of this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Ward", is written over the typed name and title of the sender.

John William Ward
President & CEO
Regional Employment Board of Hampden County, Inc.