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The Town of Windsor Locks
Home of Bradley International Airport

Raised Bill No. 107 – An Act Establishing a Bradley Development Zone

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Dear Chairpersons & Commerce Committee,

The four Towns come before you today in a concerted effort to stress the importance of this bill. We believe that if Bradley International Airport is truly the "Economic Engine" of the region that we should embrace the establishment of a development zone so we are postured to move in a positive direction as we come out of one of the worst economic spirals of our time.

This airport serves as the Gateway to New England and with favorable review of this bill the region as a whole will benefit.

Some of the competitive advantages for economic development are as follows:

-There are approximately 2,000 acres of developable land in industrial zones within the four surrounding towns as a whole;

-The area yields immediate access to Interstates 91 & 84 linking to Interstates 90 & 95

-Bradley is congestion-free in comparison to Logan International in Boston and JFK International in New York and very rarely experiences weather-related service disruptions.

-Bradley International is located a mere fifteen minutes from downtown Hartford and twenty minutes from Springfield.

-The four towns have steam-lined the approval processes for development and have strong pro-business attitudes.

-There are over 2,000 hotel rooms and conference facilities in the immediate area.

-The area is already host to Alstom Power, Hamilton Sundstrand, Konica, Ahlstrom, NuFern Fiber, Walgreens, ING and Westinghouse to name a few world class companies.

In closing we believe that enactment of this bill will be the single most important piece of legislation to ensure that Bradley International Airport will live up to the reputation as the "Economic Engine of Connecticut".

Thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,

Steven N. Wawruck, Jr.
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