



**MetroHartford Alliance Statement on Program Review and Investigations Committee  
Study on Use of Hartford-Brainard Airport's Site**

**Connecticut General Assembly  
Program Review and Investigations Committee  
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The MetroHartford Alliance serves as the region's economic development leader and the City of Hartford's Chamber of Commerce. Our investors include businesses of all sizes, health care providers, arts and higher education institutions as well as the municipalities of North Central Connecticut. Our mission is to ensure that the region competes aggressively and successfully for jobs, capital, and talent so that it thrives as one of the country's premier places for all people to live, play, work, start and grow a business, and raise a family.

The Alliance views Hartford-Brainard Airport as a resource with considerable economic value to the City of Hartford and the metro Hartford region. We appreciate the opportunity that Program Review and Investigations Committee (PRI) staff has afforded our organization and our investors to offer input on this study. Whether in its current use as an airport, or alternatively as a site for development, Hartford-Brainard Airport should be considered as a component of a long term, integrated strategy to drive private sector investment and job growth in our region.

The Alliance and the employers we represent are pleased to have been able to offer insights to PRI on this issue. We are enthusiastic about continuing to serve as a resource to the members of PRI and its staff to ensure that decisions regarding the Airport's future benefit from the input of the region's employers.

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