

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing in support of the runway expansion at Tweed, which will benefit the region by making travel to other hub destinations possible, which is vital to economic growth.

Currently, Tweed's scheduled passenger service is restricted to daily service to Philadelphia and weekly flights to Charlotte, due in part because regional jet aircraft need a longer runway to fly to more distant hub locations like Chicago and Charlotte.

Furthermore, Nearly half (49%) of air travelers from Southern Connecticut are using New York City area airports rather than Bradley or Tweed. We need to keep that business in Connecticut.

A new airline service and/or expanded service by American to other hub cities beyond Philadelphia will attract investment to the region; support the growth of existing businesses and make it easier for people to travel to and from New Haven for business, academic purposes and for tourism.

Please vote to make this economic opportunity possible as it will bolster the region.

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