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Transportation Committee  
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Senator Leone, Representative Lemar, Senator Martin, Representative Devlin and members of the transportation committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of **H.B. 7143 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LENGTH OF RUNWAY 2-20 AT TWEED NEW HAVEN AIRPORT.**

On behalf of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, I am asking that you support passage of this bill. This bill will eliminate the statutory limit on the length of Tweed's primary runway. It is our expectation that this change will open the door for new commercial service at Tweed with additional destinations and flights.

The Shoreline Chamber of Commerce serves more than 650 businesses in Branford, Guilford and North Branford and beyond. Our mission is to support the business community in our Region.

Tweed New Haven Airport is important for our businesses because transportation is critical to successful economic growth, and the State of CT could use additional growth.

An extended runway at Tweed New Haven Airport supports our region's economic development. More flights and destinations increase accessibility to New Haven. With more ways to get in and out, our businesses gain access to markets, talent, innovation, and productivity increases.

I strongly urge the committee to support this bill and encourage economic growth in the greater New Haven region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sheri Cote'.

Sheri Cote  
President