

Senator Leone, Representative Lemar, Senator Looney, Representative Devlin and members of the transportation committee.

My name is Alexandra Daum. I am a New Haven resident and property owner and as of a month ago can say I am also a founder of a New Haven-based business. I strongly support H.B. 7143 and all efforts to lengthen the runway at Tweed New Haven Airport. I feel so strongly about this issue that it will be one of only 2 or 3 issues that will decide how I cast my votes for state representatives and senators in the next election.

I am currently fundraising for my new venture called Field Properties Capital. I have raised around 50% of my goal funding but am finding it hard to raise more than that because of a common question from investors - how do you fly in and out of New Haven? Investors are worried that no big company will ever move to New Haven because of the limited commercial air service to Tweed. Their logic is that if no big company can call New Haven home, then the market will never really take off as it will always lack a steady source of commercial jobs.

Lengthening the runway at Tweed (which will allow for increased commercial service to the airport) is absolutely necessary for the New Haven region to take the next step in terms of economic growth. The status quo at Tweed is holding us all back.

Sincerely,

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