

To whom it may concern,

My wife and I have been residents of New Haven for more than a decade. We are professionals whose work requires us to interact in other places with our peers. When a viable option for a flight from Tweed is available, the convenience and access is unbeatable. If not, we are forced to fly out of Hartford or New York. We are both involved in recruiting people to New Haven, and while we are in the Northeast, the inconvenience of transportation links makes those recruiting efforts more difficult, and we frequently lose exceptional candidates who could augment economic activity in New Haven and CT at large to places with better transportation links.

I write to voice my support for the Tweed expansion. I recognize the concerns of the local neighborhood, but would recommend that it might be possible to negotiate with potential airlines to preferentially use aircraft with lower noise signatures. Ongoing advances in aircraft engine technology should significantly reduce the noise and pollution of existing aircrafts, and I would recommend such recommendations be included in any negotiations entered into by the Tweed and airport authority and the airlines.

Sincerely,

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