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I am the current Chairman of Madison's Economic Development Commission, a tech startup managing partner and the former publisher of 15 Connecticut newspapers, and I can tell you that Tweed is vital to the economic sustainability of south-central Connecticut.

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.**

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.

As an economic development official, I regularly hear from business professionals, representing companies large and small that

An extended runway at Tweed New Haven Airport supports our region's economic development. More flights and destinations increase accessibility to New Haven and central Connecticut. With more ways to get in and out, our businesses and communities 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,

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