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Transportation Committee Public Hearing
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Senator Leone, Representative Lemar, Senator Looney, 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.

I am a Connecticut native whose roots are planted here. I was raised in Milford, went to college in New Haven (Southern CT State University), graduate school in Storrs (University of Connecticut) and work in the Hartford area. I have been an employee of United Technologies (UTC) for nearly eight years, joining after receiving my doctorate in 2011. Being a member of UTC's global engineering workforce, I recognize the importance of connecting & moving people with (commercial) flight.

I recognize that Tweed New Haven Airport is important for our State. Air travel is only becoming more of a prerequisite and requirement for personal, academic and business reasons. To be more competitive, we must offer more transportation options to our citizens and visitors. Tweed is one option. We need the money to flow inside our communities to support both our people and the incredible clusters of colleges and universities, corporate entities, small businesses and venture start-up companies across the southern region of Connecticut.

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 black ink, appearing to read "J. Garofano".

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