

We oppose H.B. 07143 and we are deeply troubled by the continuous effort to overturn the MOA of 2009 between the City of New Haven, the City of East Haven and the Airport Authority. The MOA ended years of litigation between the parties and provides that the runway shall be limited to existing paved runway length of 5,600 ft. We are asking for your help in voting down H.B. 07413. My family and I oppose this expansion for the following reasons:

- Aviation Emissions are associated with an increased risk of lung and heart disease and lung cancer. Emissions will not stay within the property line of Tweed. Expanding air traffic limitations will not only increase Particulate Matter (fine particles and soot particles) and ground level air pollution but also automobile emissions due to an increase in transportation to and from the airport. This would increase the residents' exposure to air pollution in addition to the already high levels of incinerator, harbor and highway emissions. We often can smell diesel fumes prior, during and after aviation activity.
- It is negligent and shortsighted to increase the airport footprint since it is bound by wetlands and sits on a floodplain. As severe weather events increase, wetlands are valuable in protecting the shoreline from erosion and giving floodwaters a place to go. During a severe weather event, airport storm runoff can contaminate important fish and wildlife habitat areas. The EPA states that more than one-third of the United States' threatened and endangered species live only in wetlands, and nearly half use wetlands at some point in their lives.
- The East Shore of New Haven is already dense with traffic; Often on Interstate 95 there are backups and heavy congestion. I cannot imagine what an increase of traffic would look like - allowing the airport to expand would be negligent and at a cost to the well being of people living in this and the surrounding areas.
- Noise is not only a nuisance but also causes disrupted sleep and negatively impacts health. EPA mandated insulation does nothing for disturbances of this magnitude, especially early in the morning and late in the evening.

Please help us maintain Tweed at 5,600 ft and vote NO to H.B. 07143.

Thank you,

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