



Transportation Committee Public Hearing  
Monday, February 25, 2019

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, on behalf of Trevi Therapeutics, 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.

Trevi Therapeutics is a biotech company that I co-founded in 2011 that is headquartered in New Haven, CT. We have about 20 employees and are growing. In the past six years, we have raised approximately \$100 million dollars, which has been invested in developing our drug in various medical needs for which there are no treatment options.

Tweed New Haven Airport is important for my company because access to airports is one of the biggest challenges for being headquartered in New Haven. I, along with several of our employees, travel a lot of the time. We often end up driving to New York airports. Also, importantly, we are not able to host meetings in our offices because of the difficulty for others to get here. That is lost economic value to CT as these people would be renting hotel rooms, eating out, etc. In our last round of financing, our lead investor said to me "I will invest in your company if you don't make me come to New Haven for board meetings." I asked why he didn't like New Haven, and he responded that it is just so difficult to get to. So, we do all of our board meetings in Boston. He is based in the Washington DC area.

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 cursive script that reads "Jennifer Good".

Jennifer Good  
President and CEO