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Transportation Committee Public Hearing
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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.**

My name is Dawn Hocevar and I am President and CEO of BioCT. On behalf of BioCT and the bioscience community 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.

BioCT is the bioscience industry voice for the state of Connecticut. Our mission is to grow the vibrant bioscience ecosystem in Connecticut by supporting innovation, collaboration, networking, education, talent engagement and advocacy. We bring together companies, institutions, entrepreneurs, investors, government, service providers, and other passionate, dedicated people, to build a thriving community to improve patients' lives and public health, while driving economic growth.

A key obstacle to growing bioscience in New Haven is the difficulty in finding convenient air travel in and out of New Haven. Having to use NY, Boston, Bradley, to get to New Haven adds significant travel time which is a reason why we lose companies to areas that have better access to airports.

For New Haven to successfully grow into a bioscience hub, we need to remove as many obstacles as possible and improving travel at Tweed Airport would be a significant improvement for encouraging economic growth in the New Haven region. I strongly urge the committee to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Dawn Hocevar
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