

February 22, 2019

Dear Senator Leone, Representative Lemar, Senator Martin, Representative Devlin and Members of the Transportation Committee

Re: Transportation Committee Public Hearing on Monday, February 25, 2019

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.**

On behalf of Arvinas, we are 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.

Arvinas is a biopharmaceutical company comprised of 90 employees with major growth plans in the New Haven community. In connection with this growing headcount, we are also expanding our facilities footprint here in New Haven. Our focus is on improving the lives of patients suffering from debilitating and life-threatening diseases with our PROTAC™ protein degraders. We have a strong relation with Yale University faculties, investors and significant collaborations with Pfizer and Genentech.

Tweed New Haven Airport is important for our business because of the convenience in proximity to our location at 5 Science Park. Our staff and out-of-state guests who travel on a routine basis, can conveniently arrange a flight in/out of Tweed and decide to stay overnight locally, in lieu of traveling to New York or Hartford.

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.

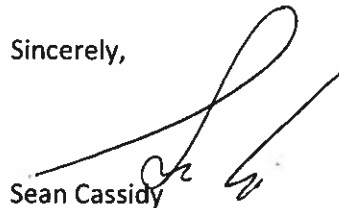
I strongly urge the committee to support this bill and encourage economic growth in the greater New Haven region.

Sincerely,



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