



Testimony of Ginny Kozlowski, Executive Director of REX Development in Support of H.B. No. 7143: AN ACT CONCERNING THE LENGTH OF RUNWAY 2-20 AT TWEED-NEW HAVEN AIRPORT.

To eliminate the restriction on the length of Runway 2-20 at Tweed-New Haven Airport.

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.

I, in my role as Executive Director of REX Development, am asking that you support passage of this bill. This bill will eliminate the statutory limit on the length of Tweed's primary runway. This change is essential for attracting additional airlines and destinations.

The retention and recruitment of businesses are essential for the economic success of Connecticut. With the limited flights currently available at Tweed New Haven Regional Airport, it is difficult for companies in Southern Connecticut to access current clients, attract talent and secure more business. Research has shown that most of these potential Tweed passengers are traveling to the New York airports, congesting our highways and taking the economic impact associated with air travel out of the state.

Businesses and leisure travelers are eager to utilize the under-developed resource.

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

Sincerely,

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