

Hello,

I'm a Milford resident and wholeheartedly support the expansion of Tweed.

I work in NYC at a large advertising agency, and in my position travel for work multiple times a month. My most used airport is LaGuardia, followed by JFK, followed by Bradley and Westchester.

If Tweed had more direct flights as a result of a longer runway, I would use it whenever possible. Lately my job has primarily taken me to Detroit, Atlanta, and DC for travel. With much more Detroit travel this year as we service the global Ford business. None of these cities are a practical flight from Tweed right now because of long connections.

Not only would I use the airport more for business use, but also personal. Although I have paid car service for work making costs irrelevant, it's expensive to fly for leisure out of other airports due to mileage, parking, etc. Tweed would be so much easier and more economical.

Lastly, I am a HUGE New Haven fan. I used to work there and firmly believe it's CT's best city. It has potential to be another Portland, Austin, Boulder, or Charleston and could help propel CT into a more competitive place for the 21st century as vibrant urban areas continue to dominate. But without better access it won't be like those cities, because it lacks the robust airport those other cities have. That fact holds back so much business growth in the city.

It saddens me that a select few in the surrounding neighborhoods hold this back. While I have sympathy for their inconvenience, the interests of a few cannot hold back the prosperity of a region of nearly 1 million people. I might suggest it may even be worth exploring a generous eminent domain arrangement to take bold action to make this happen.

Thanks for reading!

Regards,
Rob Kurfels
Milford, CT resident since 2010