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Senator Leone, Representative Lemar, Senator Martin, Representative Devlin and members of The Transportation Committee
Connecticut State Capital

Subject: Testimony in support of **H.B. 7143 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LENGTH OF RUNWAY 2-20 AT TWEED NEW HAVEN AIRPORT.**

Dear Committee Members:

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 ask 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.

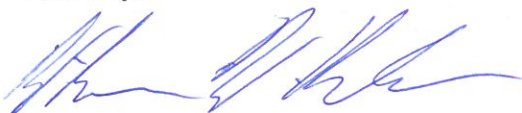
Radiall USA is part of a global corporation based in France. We are representative of many international corporations that make the New Haven area a North America home. The East Coast of the United States provides work day overlap and shorter flights to headquarters than farther West in the United States. Our customers are high end aeronautic and defense contractors for whom engineering collaboration is important.

The last few hours of travel to New Haven are inconvenient from anywhere. It is likely that New Haven area companies lose business because customers can't fit it in during a busy week of traveling. Tweed New Haven Airport could be important for business if it made a trip to New Haven easy from three major hubs twice daily.

An extended runway at Tweed New Haven Airport supports our region's economic development. More flights and destinations increase accessibility to New Haven.

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

Sincerely,



William W. Neale
Vice President