



Transportation Committee Public Hearing
Thursday, March 14, 2019

Dear Senator Leone, Representative Lemar, Senator Martin, Representative Devlin and members of the transportation committee:

As a former resident of Connecticut, a frequent flyer and member of the Greater New Haven business community for over 20 years, I am asking that you support passage of this bill and 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.**

The statutory limit on the length of Tweed's primary runway has undeniably stunted growth in our region. I believe that passing this bill will change this and position our region for exponential positive growth in the future. With the addition of new commercial service at Tweed providing additional destinations and flights, we open ourselves and our region to the world.

I have been a commercial real estate investor and developer nearly all my adult life and I can personally attest to the success that having a modern transportation infrastructure has on a community. An airport with increased capacity and flight options is essential to this infrastructure. By making Tweed a real and true viable option for business, we will suddenly be a City that is attractive to organizations all around the world.

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 beg of this committee to support this bill and help encourage economic growth in the greater New Haven region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CS Nicotra".

Christopher S. Nicotra
Managing Member