



Transportation Committee Public Hearing
Monday, February 25, 2019

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.**

On behalf of Marcum LLP's New Haven office, I am 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.

Marcum LLP is one of the largest independent public accounting and advisory services firms in the United States. With nearly 1,600 employees nationally, including approximately 150 in New Haven and over 200 throughout Connecticut, Marcum provides a full spectrum of traditional accounting, assurance, and tax services; advisory, valuation and litigation support; and an extensive range of specialty and niche industry services.

Marcum continues to expand its footprint in Connecticut, and in New Haven specifically. We are very proud to say that, since our formation in 1996, we have given our time on the boards of more than 100 charitable organizations, each contributing to the community in its own, important way. From educational and cultural organizations (e.g. University of New Haven, Southern Connecticut State University, Quinnipiac University, University of Bridgeport, Gateway Community College, the Long Wharf Theater, The Shubert Theater, the Arts Council of Greater New Haven, and The Jewish Federation of New Haven) to health, social and protective agencies (e.g. The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven, JDRF, Easter Seals/Goodwill, SARAH Foundation, Junior Achievement, Yale New Haven Hospital), we have made meaningful financial commitments throughout.

An extended runway at Tweed New Haven Airport will evidence the State's similar commitment. The extended runway at Tweed is integral to the success and continued expansion of our business and supports our region's economic development. More flights and destinations increase accessibility to New Haven. With more ways to get in and out, our business will 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey C. Solomon".

Jeffrey C. Solomon
Partner

