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Senator Leone & Representative Lemar & Committee Members  
Transportation Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2300  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: H.B. 7143 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LENGTH OF RUNWAY 2-20 AT TWEED NEW HAVEN AIRPORT

Dear Senator Leone, Representative Lemar & Committee Members

On behalf of the University of New Haven, please accept this correspondence as written testimony in support of H.B. 7143 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LENGTH OF RUNWAY 2-20 AT TWEED NEW HAVEN AIRPORT.

The University of New Haven supports the passage of this bill, which will eliminate the limit on the length of Tweed's primary runway. It is our expectation that the approval of this bill will facilitate new commercial service with additional destinations and flights. It is our understanding that New Haven ranks among the lowest cities nationwide in terms of air service.

The importance of a vibrant Tweed airport to the New Haven region, its residents, and its businesses cannot be overstated. The current limited routes serviced by Tweed place an additional burden on our region that must be overcome in attracting and retaining businesses. Increasing accessibility to the City of New Haven and the New Haven region is essential for economic development.

From a University of New Haven perspective, because of the limited Tweed routes, our faculty, staff, students, vendors and visitors more often than not are forced to find their needed flights at the New York airports. It is reasonable to presume that our experience is the norm for our region.

It is our hope that the passage of this bill will change that. Keeping Tweed unchanged, helps only New York.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George S. Synodi".

George S. Synodi  
Vice President for Finance & Administration