



March 4, 2019

To: Senator Leone, Representative Lemar, Senator Martin, Representative Devlin and members of the transportation committee
From: Stephen Tagliatela,
President of the Connecticut Tourism Coalition

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

As a co-owner of Saybrook Point Inn and Marina, Franklin Construction in New Haven and several other southern Connecticut companies, I would like to request that you support HB 7143.

Tweed New Haven Airport holds great potential for strengthening the economies of Greater New Haven and other coastal communities.

Tweed is much more convenient than the New York and Boston airports and much more user-friendly for coastal communities than even Bradley International.

My family and I have been very active in the Connecticut hospitality industry for 30 years, but the benefits of an improved airport would reach far beyond that industry. My family employs over 300 employees and we know that an improved airport would have a strong positive impact on our businesses.

We heartily recommend that you support HB 7143.

Thank you for your consideration,


Stephen Tagliatela

