

Dear Transportation Committee,

I am writing in support of the expansion of the runways at Tweed New Haven Airport in order to facilitate increased airline service from New haven to regional airport hubs. I often have to travel to the NY airports for connections to hubs not currently served by Tweed. If Tweed expanded its service areas it would help the State of CT in many critical ways which I find will be an advantage to me as a resident and business owner, and an advantage too our State:

- Business development: the State has limited tools to promote economic growth. Good airport service & connectivity is desperately needed here:
 - Encourage growth of existing businesses
 - Retain companies already located here
 - Attract new business
- Highway congestion:
 - Having convenient local air travel keeps cars off the highways reducing our demand for roadway infrastructure and reducing carbon emissions
 - Time saved by shorter trips to an airport saves time and makes our workforce more efficient

Sincerely,
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