

Hello I am Jacey Wyatt from Branford Connecticut. I am a life long resident that supports the expansion of Tweed Airport. I want my written support to be added to public comment at this hearing that I want to support the bill to eliminate the restriction on the length of runway 2-20 at Tweed - New Haven Airport.

I have made public comment at several State, local, and public hearings at City Hall in New Haven to offer my support and detailed facts that confirm the seriousness of this unique economic development, safety expansions and future growth.

I have been involved in State and local politics, I been involved as a candidate for Governor of Connecticut, business owner in CT for 24 year, frequently airline flyer up to 200 flights a year, sits on local town boards and commissions. I get business and I get politics, cause I am experienced in both. Tweed will attract investment to our region; support the growth of existing businesses and make it easier for people to travel to and from New Haven for business and academic reasons as well as for tourism.

Facts are the wetlands, personal properties, and surrounding areas of noise concerns will be defined, to rebuild the area and support this airport's future. Building in 2019 is the right time to do it right. The time has come to built it right and build it once. We are at the point our building codes, environmental impacts, politics, and public relations can answer all the crossroads that this airport can do. Not only make 3 million people in Connecticut finally win for the future of Connecticut.

I for years know this airports successes and struggles first hand.

Previous politics and State legislators to even create a bill to limit stop or hurt the State of Connecticut possible revenues should let by gones be by gones. The new legislation law makers and state representatives should be open to this areas future, economic development, and State's new taxable revenues.

There should be no place in a political bill to create and pick on a state transportation center project that been filled will decades of hurt and lack of support. Instead of personal opinions and hate on this airport it is time to be fair to the Tweed Airport future and let the people of Connecticut and in the local area be heard that there is major support to grow this airport. Many do have options for travel but moving out of Connecticut shouldn't be its future. Flying in residents, tourists and proven business investors can fill the need to make CT a new

destination. The convience to build new economic developments that will help not just the area but every local town around it.

Think bigger grab the New York to Boston travel market as they been for years grabbing Connecticut's businesses on our lack to invest into CT's business. Stand up listen and make a new Connecticut Future. Connecticut residents should see it's time to not let a business move away to the surrounding States, but bring business and people to our own State's boarders and of course, tax it. Make revenue grow for the State of Connecticut build this airport and see its potential.

The people of Connecticut want to hear good news and this is good news that help jobs, business and life's.

Tourism and convience grow with investment is Southern CT's new central coast. Lets support this and start the steps to make Connecticut get a new win and move forward to seek all potential revenue growth. The expansion of business in Connecticut is on the top of list for our current Governor and Lt Governor and is with me.

The Revenue facts are Tweed can be a billion dollar State revenue maker, which is more than tolls, marjauana , estate tax, and business tax revenues combined.

Connecticut needs to start thinking big, think smart and think about the future travel hub that can bring airlines, people and new life to Connecticut.

Tweed is there... Tweed is the right place to invest, Tweed is the right market and this person is here to support it forever and ready to put the gold shovel in the soil at this the airport and invest into the smartest development project that is shovel ready to go.

Please let Tweed Airport Runway Grow stop any restrictions on its runway's lengths. Lets get investing, growing and flying more.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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On **Monday, March 4th at 10:30 a.m.** the Transportation Committee will hear testimony regarding HB 7143. If you will not be available to testify on Monday, please consider submitting written testimony to tratestimony@cga.ct.gov or barbaram@rexdevelopment.org>

Why do we need a longer runway?

1. Tweed's scheduled passenger service is restricted to daily service to Philadelphia and weekly flights to Charlotte, due in part because regional jet aircraft need a longer runway to fly to more distant hub locations like Chicago and Charlotte. Additional destinations are vital to economic growth.
2. Nearly half (49%) of air travelers from Southern Connecticut are using New York City area airports rather than Bradley or Tweed. This is a major inconvenience to the business traveler and lost economic opportunity for Connecticut.
3. For the entire region, new airline service and/or expanded service by American to other hub cities beyond Philadelphia will attract investment to our region; support the growth of existing businesses and make it easier for people to travel to and from New Haven for business and academic reasons as well as for tourism.

