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HVN-EA Public Comments
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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Sierra Club and our more than 40,000 members and supporters in Connecticut, I write regarding the Tweed Airport Authority Environmental Assessment to request that the Federal Aviation Administration, in accordance with the National Environmental Protection Act, undertake an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will thoroughly review the environmental and public health impacts of the expansion of Tweed New Haven Airport now underway.

The proposal to expand Tweed includes an extended runway, a taxiway, a new terminal and 1,500 parking spaces. All of the environmental impacts of the expansion must be thoroughly examined in an EIS including:

- inland and tidal wetland impacts;
- stormwater flooding, sea-level rise, and other floodplain and resilience issues;
- disruption of local and migratory wildlife habitat;
- compromised water quality due to increased traffic and discharges;
- increased greenhouse gas emissions;
- and the effects of emissions, traffic, and noise on nearby state-designated environmental justice communities in East Haven and New Haven.

An EIS will provide transparency for the public about the environmental and public health impacts and will allow for public inclusion in the process.

Thank you for your consideration of our request that the Federal Aviation Authority complete an EIS for the proposed expansion of Tweed.

Sincerely,

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