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Mayor April Capone Almon, East Haven, is pleased to announce new legislation, effective October 4, 2009, passed by both the House and Senate which identifies clear restrictions to the future of TWEED New Haven Airport. The most important constraint limits the runway to the current 5,600 feet. Other restrictions include;

- There can be no more than 30 departures per day.
- There can be no more than 180,000 enplanements per year, in other words an average of fewer than 500 passengers per day.
- There can be no more than six commercial service counters in the airport terminal, limiting the total number of airlines that can service the airport.
- There can be no more than a total of 700 parking spaces at the airport, and there will be no parking lots outside of the airport boundaries. This limit includes both private lots and lots owned or operated by the Airport Authority.

The agreement specifies that there can be no change to these limitations without the approval of the East Haven members of the Airport Authority.

The Mayor discussed the agreement and resulting legislation by saying, "I am very proud of what we have accomplished for the residents of East Haven through a true bi-partisan agreement. This not only puts an end to nearly fifty years of fighting between neighboring towns, but also removes East Haven from a costly and fruitless lawsuit. Not only will taxpayers be saving money, but they now know, as written by state law, exactly what size airport TWEED New Haven will be." She then went on to say, "The residents of East Haven now have a voice in the future of the airport that rests in our own back yard."

The new law, approved during a special session of the General Assembly on October 2 and then signed by the governor, increases the Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority to 15 members from the current 14. East Haven

will have five members, an increase from the current two. New Haven will have eight members instead of the current nine. Two additional members will be from other towns in the region and will be appointed by the South Central Regional Council of Governments. The result gives East Haven five out of fifteen appointments on the Authority. Any proposed changes to the airport limitations will require 12 votes. The runway limit of 5,600 feet cannot be changed.