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### **Bradley International Airport Marks Five Years of Consecutive Passenger Growth**

**Windsor Locks, CT – February 21, 2018** – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is pleased to announce that Bradley International Airport has achieved five years of year-over-year passenger growth.

Under CAA's management, since 2013, the airport has experienced a continuous upward trend in passenger traffic.

The historic passenger ridership figures break down as follows:

- 2013 – 5,420,853 passengers (+ 1.4 %)
- 2014 – 5,875,801 passengers (+ 8.4 %)
- 2015 – 5,933,808 passengers (+ 1.0 %)
- 2016 – 6,060,943 passengers (+ 2.1 %)
- 2017 – 6,436,407 passengers (+ 6.2 %)

In total, between 2013 and 2017, Bradley International Airport served more than 25 million passengers.

“As we continue to aggressively pursue the expansion of Bradley International Airport’s route network, we’re pleased to see the positive trend in our passenger ridership,” CAA Board Chairman Charles R. Gray said. “The CAA will continue to prioritize efforts that will strengthen Bradley’s high standing in the industry and role as an economic driver for the region.”

“We take immense pride in the growth that Bradley International Airport is experiencing and the confidence that our passengers continue to place in us,” said CAA Executive Director Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E. “Whether we are working to expand the menu of nonstop flights or to enhance the travel experience in our terminal, we’re always doing it with our passengers in mind. We look forward to building on this excitement and driving continued growth and transformation in 2018.”

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Today, Bradley International Airport's annual passenger traffic makes it the second-largest airport in New England.

### **About Bradley International Airport**

Bradley International Airport is the second largest airport in New England, with a customer base that covers the entire Northeast. In 2017, Bradley Airport marked its fifth consecutive year of year-over-year passenger growth. In 2017, Bradley International Airport was also rated the 5<sup>th</sup> best airport in the nation by Condé Nast Traveler's 2017 Readers' Choice Awards. Recently, the airport added to its menu of nonstop routes service to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Dublin, Denver, Myrtle Beach and Pittsburgh. Additionally, the airport has successfully implemented a number of terminal enhancements, including the addition of Two Roads Tap Room, Escape Lounge, a Phillips Seafood restaurant, a duty-free shop, and a mother's nursing room.

### **About Connecticut Airport Authority**

The Connecticut Airport Authority was established in July 2011 to develop, improve and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham airports). The board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make the CAA's airports more attractive to new routes, new commerce, and new companies who may be considering making Connecticut their home.

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