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Bradley International Airport Marks Six Years of Consecutive Passenger Growth *Nearly 7 Million Passengers Served in 2018*

Windsor Locks, CT – February 27, 2019 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is pleased to announce that Bradley International Airport has achieved six years of year-over-year passenger growth.

Under CAA's management, since 2013, the airport has experienced a continuous upward trend in passenger traffic, with historical ridership figures breaking 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 %)
- 2018 – 6,668,198 passengers (+ 3.6 %)

In total, the number of passengers using Bradley International Airport has increased by 23% over the six-year period, from 5,420,853 passengers in 2013 to 6,668,198 passengers in 2018.

“We’re pleased to see the continued growth at Bradley International Airport,” CAA Board Chairman Thomas (Tony) Sheridan said. “This positive trend is truly a reflection of the CAA’s commitment to drive initiatives that not only benefit our passengers, but also further enhance Bradley Airport’s role as an economic engine for the state.”

“In 2018, we continued to aggressively pursue new nonstop flights and to modernize our facilities with the goal of making Bradley International Airport the airport of choice in the region,” said CAA Executive Director Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E. “We’re pleased that our passengers are taking note of the many exciting developments and we take immense pride in the confidence that they continue to place in us.”

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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 (BDL) welcomes nearly 7 million travelers each year, making it the second largest airport in New England. At Bradley International Airport, we want our passengers to "Love the Journey." We proudly offer nonstop access to more than 30 popular destinations. Recent efforts to elevate the travel experience through terminal enhancements and new amenities have helped Bradley International Airport earn the #3 spot in the prestigious ranking of best airports in the U.S. by Condé Nast Traveler in 2018. Bradley International Airport is operated by the Connecticut Airport Authority, and its operations are entirely self-funded. The airport contributes nearly \$2.6 billion to the regional economy. For more info, visit www.flybdl.org.

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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