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TREASURER WOODEN'S STATEMENT ON NEW NON-STOP SERVICE TO JAMAICA FROM BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Hartford, CT – Today, Connecticut State Treasurer Shawn T. Wooden participated in a press conference at Bradley International Airport highlighting the new non-stop service to Jamaica, to be provided by Spirit Airlines.

"Today's announcement is fantastic news for Connecticut. This has been years in the making," **said Treasurer Wooden**. "My first conversation about this was probably close to a decade ago when I was City Council President of Hartford. As a member of the CAA board, I appreciate everyone's hard work in making this a reality."

Treasurer Wooden was a champion of the direct flight program to Jamaica, which, similar to the Aer Lingus direct flights to Ireland, included an incentive package from the Connecticut Airport Authority as well as a revenue guarantee from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). This year's state budget included \$2 million in state funds to be used for the revenue guarantee to help incentivize an airline to provide non-stop service from Hartford to Jamaica.

"The West Indian community is the largest population of foreign-born immigrants in our state, and the fifth largest in the U.S. We want to ensure that our partnership with the islands remains strong," continued Treasurer Wooden. "It's my job to evaluate long-term investment strategy, and I can tell you that the state's support in this effort is a good investment to enhance our commerce, our communities, and our cultural ties."

Treasurer Wooden is a member of the board of directors of the Connecticut Airport Authority.

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