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Rep. Guerrero looks south to build CT's economy *Trade opportunities abound in Caribbean*

State Representative **Tony Guerrero** (D-Rocky Hill, Newington, Wethersfield) welcomed Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States, Ralph Thomas, to Connecticut to discuss transportation and economic issues. Rep. Guerrero and Ambassador Thomas were hosted by Connecticut Airport Authority Executive Director Kevin Dillon at the Authority's offices in Bradley International Airport.

Among the items discussed: possible direct flights from Bradley International Airport to Jamaica with connecting flights to other Caribbean islands.

"Given Greater-Hartford's large Jamaican-American and Caribbean-American populations, a direct flight between Bradley and Jamaica would increase travel and economic opportunities," Rep. Guerrero said.

In addition to flights, Rep. Guerrero would like to see the Connecticut Port Authority pursue opportunities to increase cargo ship traffic with Caribbean states.

"We should pursue every opportunity to expand Connecticut's presence in the import/export market," Rep. Guerrero said. "When we created the Connecticut Port Authority this past year, this was exactly the type of opportunity we were forecasting. Connecticut's ports and airports are keys to economic growth."

Rep. Guerrero noted meeting was an important introduction and conversations will continue.

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