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BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RECOGNIZED WITH CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER'S 2018 READERS' CHOICE AWARD "#3 Airport in the U.S."

Windsor Locks, CT - Oct. 9, 2018 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is pleased to announce that *Condé Nast Traveler* today released the results of its 31st annual Readers' Choice Awards with Bradley International Airport recognized as the 3rd best airport in the U.S.

"We are very honored to be recognized among some of our nation's best airports," said Tony Sheridan, Chair of the Connecticut Airport Authority Board of Directors. "Recognition like this elevates our brand not only regionally, but also nationally and internationally, and I'd like to thank the entire CAA staff for everything they do to make Bradley International Airport one of the very best in the country."

Travelers gave the airport high marks for "convenient on-site parking, plentiful charging stations and free Wi-Fi, decent restaurant options, and an overall relaxed atmosphere."

"We are thankful that the support of Bradley's loyal, growing passenger base has again earned us a spot in the list of top ten US airports, and we're especially pleased with the improved ranking this year," said Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the Connecticut Airport Authority. "This prestigious recognition is a testament to our continuous commitment to enhancing the travel experience at Bradley International Airport. We're very proud of our efforts to make Bradley Airport the best it can be for our passengers, and we thank them for their vote of confidence."

With a commitment to our passengers, the CAA has initiated major terminal enhancements at Bradley International Airport over the last couple of years aimed at elevating the travel experience. Recent upgrades include the addition of Two Roads Tap Room, Escape Lounge, a Phillips Seafood restaurant, a duty-free shop, and a mother's nursing room – and more improvements are underway. Additionally, the expansion of the airport's route network continues to be a priority, and the airport most recently celebrated the launch of its latest nonstop to St. Louis.

Nearly half a million *Condé Nast Traveler* readers submitted a recording-breaking number of responses rating their travel experiences to provide a full snapshot of where and how we travel today.

The *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Awards are the longest-running and most prestigious recognitions of excellence in the travel industry and are commonly known as “the best of the best of travel.”

The 2018 Readers' Choice Awards are published exclusively on *Condé Nast Traveler's* website at www.cntraveler.com/rca and celebrated in the November issue on newsstands nationwide on October 16.

About the Connecticut Airport Authority

The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) 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.

About Bradley International Airport

Bradley International Airport (BDL) welcomes more than 6 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 *Condé Nast Traveler*

As the most discerning, up-to-the-minute voice in all things travel, *Condé Nast Traveler* is the global citizen's bible and muse, offering both inspiration and vital intel. *Condé Nast Traveler* is the most trusted and celebrated name in travel with 6 National Magazine Award wins and 26 nominations in its 30-year history. Advertising Age named Pilar Guzmán Editor of the Year in 2014 and CNTraveler.com attained 3 Webby Awards in 2015. For more, visit www.cntraveler.com.

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