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H. R. 5423

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize owners or operators of general aviation airports to impose certain restrictions relating to noise, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2019

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. SHERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Aircraft Noise Reduc-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS TO**
2 **RESTRICT FLIGHTS FOR PURPOSES OF IM-**
3 **PLEMENTING NOISE LIMITATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 475 of
5 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
6 end the following:

7 **“§ 47535. Authority of general aviation airports to re-**
8 **strict flights for purposes of imple-**
9 **menting noise limitations**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
11 vision of this chapter, for purposes of implementing noise
12 limitations, the owner or operator of a general aviation
13 airport is authorized to restrict the number and type of
14 aircraft operations for compensation or hire occurring at
15 the airport, including flights originating or landing at the
16 airport, and the dates and times of such operations.

17 “(b) COMMUNITY INPUT.—In exercising authority
18 under subsection (a), an owner or operator of a general
19 aviation airport shall take into account input received
20 from individuals or entities in communities surrounding
21 the airport.

22 “(c) FEDERAL FUNDING.—No Federal funds, includ-
23 ing a grant under this chapter, may be withheld from,
24 withdrawn from, or denied to a general aviation airport
25 based solely on an exercise of authority by the owner or
26 operator of the airport under subsection (a).

1 “(d) EMERGENCIES.—The Secretary of Transpor-
 2 tation may restrict the authority of an owner or operator
 3 of a general aviation airport under subsection (a) as nec-
 4 essary in the case of an emergency.

5 “(e) DEFINITION OF GENERAL AVIATION AIR-
 6 PORT.—In this section, the term ‘general aviation airport’
 7 has the meaning given such term in section 47102 of title
 8 49, United States Code.”.

9 (b) ANALYSIS.—The analysis for subchapter II of
 10 chapter 475 of title 49, United States Code, is amended
 11 by adding at the end the following:

“47535. Authority of general aviation airports to restrict flights for purposes
 of implementing noise limitations.”.

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