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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate John Wayne Airport in Orange County, California, as a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) port of entry, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2015

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California (for herself, Mr. ROHRABACHER, and Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) On June 4, 2012, John Wayne Airport re-
6 ceived an executed copy of a Memorandum of Agree-

1 ment (MOA) with U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
2 tion (CBP) for Federal Inspection Services (FIS)
3 staffing, which allows for the initiation of inter-
4 national air service.

5 (2) On November 15, 2013, John Wayne Air-
6 port submitted its formal request for port of entry
7 designation to CBP.

8 (3) In a letter dated February 3, 2014, the Act-
9 ing Port Director advised John Wayne Airport that
10 he had recommended approval of the airport’s re-
11 quest for the port of entry designation.

12 (4) In a letter dated June 3, 2014, CBP Assist-
13 ant Commissioner, Office of Congressional Affairs,
14 notified Congress that CBP was “unable to des-
15 ignate SNA as a POE at this time”, and that CBP
16 would “reconsider it in FY2016”.

17 (5) On July 28, 2014, the House of Represent-
18 atives passed the United States Customs and Border
19 Protection Authorization Act (H.R. 3846), which in-
20 cluded an amendment sponsored by Representative
21 Loretta Sanchez to give “priority consideration to an
22 application for port of entry status submitted by any
23 commercial airport if such airport served at least
24 100,000 deplaned international passengers in the
25 previous calendar year”.

1 (6) In a letter received August 8, 2014, Acting
2 Assistant Commissioner for Field Operation, John
3 Wagner, notified John Wayne Airport Director Alan
4 Murphy that the airport’s request could not be ap-
5 proved, but stated that “SNA’s request will remain
6 active, and CBP will reconsider it in FY2016”.

7 (7) John Wayne Airport has met the CBP
8 threshold of 15,000 international air passengers,
9 having had 377,718 international passengers in
10 2013 and 276,733 in 2014.

11 (8) John Wayne Airport is the only commercial
12 airport that serves Orange County, California, di-
13 rectly and exceeds the minimum population thresh-
14 old set out by CBP of 300,000, having a population
15 of over 3.1 million residents.

16 (9) A recent economic impact study of air serv-
17 ice from Mexico to Orange County found that the
18 total annual economic output in the region generated
19 nearly \$39 million in wages, salaries, and benefits,
20 \$73 million in gross domestic product, and \$130
21 million in total spending impacts.

22 (10) As a community that is served by multiple
23 modes of transportation, such as Amtrak and
24 Metrolink of Southern California, John Wayne Air-

1 port meets the requirement of multi-modal transpor-
2 tation options.

3 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION AS A U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER**
4 **PROTECTION PORT OF ENTRY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
7 land Security shall designate John Wayne Airport in Or-
8 ange County, California, as a U.S. Customs and Border
9 Protection (CBP) port of entry.

10 (b) MAINTENANCE OF NUMBERS.—The Secretary of
11 Homeland Security shall assign to John Wayne Airport
12 an appropriate number of personnel of the Department
13 of Homeland Security in order for such airport to function
14 as a designated CBP port of entry in accordance with sub-
15 section (a).

16 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
18 retary of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2016 and sub-
19 sequent fiscal years such sums as may be necessary to
20 carry out this Act.

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