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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WAGNER (for herself and Ms. SPANBERGER) 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 “Fly Together Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FAMILY SEATING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
8 tation shall issue a notice of proposed rulemaking to estab-
9 lish a policy directing air carriers that assign seats, or

1 allow individuals to select seats in advance of the date of
2 departure of a flight, to sit each young child adjacent to
3 an accompanying adult, to the greatest extent practicable,
4 if adjacent seat assignments are available at any time
5 after the ticket is issued for each young child and before
6 the first passenger boards the flight.

7 (b) PROHIBITION ON FEES.—The notice of proposed
8 rulemaking described in subsection (a) shall include a pro-
9 vision that prohibits an air carrier from charging a fee,
10 or imposing an additional cost beyond the ticket price of
11 the additional seat, to seat each young child adjacent to
12 an accompanying adult within the same class of service.

13 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Notwithstanding the
14 requirement in subsection (a), nothing in this section may
15 be construed to allow the Secretary to impose a change
16 in the overall seating or boarding policy of an air carrier
17 that has an open or flexible seating policy in place that
18 generally allows adjacent family seating as described
19 under this section.

20 (d) YOUNG CHILD.—In this section, the term “young
21 child” means an individual who has not attained 14 years
22 of age.

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