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H. R. 4495

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. MOULTON) 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 AIRCRAFT 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 aircraft noise limitations**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
11 vision of this chapter, for purposes of implementing air-
12 craft noise limitations, the Administrator of the Federal
13 Aviation Administration shall consult with an owner or op-
14 erator of a general aviation airport, upon request by such
15 owner or operator, to provide for reasonable adjustments
16 to air traffic and training patterns of noncommercial char-
17 ter flights so long as such adjustments do not otherwise
18 violate law.

19 “(b) COMMUNITY INPUT.—In implementing reason-
20 able accommodations under subsection (a), an owner or
21 operator of a general aviation airport and the Adminis-
22 trator shall take into account input received from individ-
23 uals or entities in communities surrounding the airport.

24 “(c) FEDERAL FUNDING.—No Federal funds, includ-
25 ing a grant under this chapter, may be withheld from,
26 withdrawn from, or denied to a general aviation airport

1 based solely on an activity carried out by an owner or op-
2 erator of such airport under this section.

3 “(d) EMERGENCIES.—The Administrator may reject
4 or temporarily restrict an accommodation under sub-
5 section (a), as necessary, in the case of an emergency.

6 “(e) DEFINITION OF GENERAL AVIATION AIR-
7 PORT.—In this section, the term ‘general aviation airport’
8 means a noncertified airport covered by part 139 of title
9 14, Code of Federal Regulations.”.

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

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

13 (c) REGULATORY UPDATES.—The Secretary of
14 Transportation shall issue such regulations as are nec-
15 essary to update part 150 and part 161 of title 14, Code
16 of Federal Regulations, to allow the owners and operators
17 of general aviation airports to implement effective noise
18 abatement measures, as determined appropriate by such
19 owners and operators.

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