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H. R. 6549

To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to adjust certain requirements with respect to sovereignty and use of airspace, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 1, 2023

Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. PANETTA, and Mr. SHERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Fairness in Airspace
5 Includes Residents Act” or the “F-AIR Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SOVEREIGNTY AND USE OF AIRSPACE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 40103(b)(1) of title 49,
8 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 “(1)(A) The Administrator of the Federal Aviation
2 Administration shall develop plans and policy for the use
3 of the navigable airspace and assign by regulation or order
4 the use of the airspace necessary to ensure—

5 “(i) as a primary priority, the safety of aircraft;
6 and

7 “(ii) as secondary co-equal priorities—

8 “(I) the efficient use of airspace; and

9 “(II) the minimization of the impact of
10 aviation noise, and other health impacts, on
11 residents and communities, and other impacts
12 of the use of airspace on the environment.

13 “(B) The Administrator may modify or revoke an as-
14 signment when required in the public interest.”.

15 (b) UPDATES TO FAA PRIORITIES.—Not later than
16 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the
17 Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration
18 shall—

19 (1) review the regulations, policies, procedures,
20 and processes of the Administration and modify
21 them as necessary to reflect the priorities in clauses
22 (i) and (ii) of section 40103(b)(1)(A) of title 49,
23 United States Code, as added by subsection (a); and

- 1 (2) update the mission statement of the Admin-
- 2 istration to reflect such priorities.

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