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# H. R. 7550

To require the Secretary of Transportation to establish a mechanism to make helicopter noise complaint data accessible to the Federal Aviation Administration.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. BEYER, Mr. TRONE, and Mr. RASKIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Washington, DC, Area  
5 Helicopter Noise Information Exchange Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION SHARING REQUIREMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-  
9 tation, acting through the Administrator of the Federal

1 Aviation Administration, shall establish a mechanism to  
2 make helicopter noise complaint data accessible to the  
3 Federal Aviation Administration, to helicopter operators  
4 operating in the Washington, DC, area, and to the public  
5 on a website of the Administration, based on the rec-  
6 ommendation of the Government Accountability Office in  
7 the report published on January 7, 2021, titled “Aircraft  
8 Noise: Better Information Sharing Could Improve Re-  
9 sponses to Washington, DC, Area Helicopter Noise Con-  
10 cerns”.

11 (b) COOPERATION.—Any helicopter operator oper-  
12 ating in the Washington, DC, area shall provide helicopter  
13 noise complaint data to the Federal Aviation Administra-  
14 tion through the mechanism established under subsection  
15 (a).

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) HELICOPTER NOISE COMPLAINT DATA.—

18 The term “helicopter noise complaint data”—

19 (A) means general data relating to a com-  
20 plaint made by an individual about helicopter  
21 noise in the Washington, DC, area and may in-  
22 clude—

23 (i) the location and description of the  
24 event that is the subject of the complaint;

1 (ii) the start and end time of such  
2 event;

3 (iii) a description of the aircraft that  
4 is the subject of the complaint; and

5 (iv) the airport name associated with  
6 such event; and

7 (B) does not include the personally identi-  
8 fiable information of the individual who sub-  
9 mitted the complaint.

10 (2) WASHINGTON, DC, AREA.—The term  
11 “Washington, DC, area” means the area inside of a  
12 30-mile radius surrounding Ronald Reagan Wash-  
13 ington National Airport.

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