

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2285

To require the Federal Aviation Administration to implement a Government Accountability Office recommendation relating to helicopter noise in the Washington, DC area, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2021

Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. BEYER, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. TRONE) 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 of 2021”.

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-

1 tation, acting through the Administrator of the Federal  
2 Aviation Administration, shall establish a mechanism to  
3 make helicopter noise complaint data accessible to the  
4 Federal Aviation Administration and helicopter operators  
5 operating in the Washington, DC area, 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, D.C. 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 Act:

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 “Wash-  
11                  ington, DC area” means the area inside of a 30-mile  
12                  radius of Ronald Reagan Washington National Air-  
13                  port.

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