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H. R. 10077

To amend title 49 of the United States Code, to revise the qualifications for organization designation authorization holders, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 10, 2026

Mr. SMITH of Washington 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 “Safety Starts at the
5 Top Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ODA HOLDERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44736(c)(2) of title 49,
8 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

9 “(2) ODA HOLDER.—The term ‘ODA holder’
10 means an entity that—

1 “(A) is authorized to perform functions
2 pursuant to a delegation made by the Adminis-
3 trator of the FAA under section 44702(d); and

4 “(B) in the case of an entity with at least
5 \$15,000,000,000 in annual gross revenue, cer-
6 tifies to the Administrator, on an annual basis,
7 that the board of directors of such entity in-
8 cludes—

9 “(i) two representatives from labor or-
10 ganizations, including 1 representative
11 from each labor organization that rep-
12 resents the employees of such entity that
13 are directly involved in the design and
14 manufacturing of aircraft; and

15 “(ii) two representatives with proven
16 experience in aerospace safety and demon-
17 strable outcomes related to such experi-
18 ence.”.

19 (b) REVIEW OF EXISTING ODA HOLDERS.—Not
20 later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this sec-
21 tion, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Adminis-
22 tration shall rescind any delegation made under section
23 44702(d) of title 49, United States Code, to an entity that

1 does not meet the requirements under paragraph (2) of
2 such section 44736(c)(2), as amended by subsection (a).

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