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H. R. 5144

To limit the expansion of Los Angeles International Airport.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS 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 “Careful Airport Plan-
5 ning for Southern California Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Commerce fostered by the air transpor-
9 tation network in southern California is an impor-
10 tant underpinning of California’s economic vitality.
11 In order to sustain that vitality, it is necessary to

1 make optimal use of new and existing airport capac-
2 ity in the southern California region.

3 (2) By the year 2020, regional demand for air
4 travel in southern California is expected to grow to
5 an estimated 150,000,000 annual air passengers and
6 more than 8,000,000 annual tons of cargo. The ben-
7 efits and burdens of air travel should be fairly allo-
8 cated across the region in order to meet this de-
9 mand.

10 (3) Some communities in southern California
11 have serious concerns about the impact airports and
12 air traffic have on their quality of life, as well as air
13 and ground transportation safety.

14 (4) Other communities in southern California
15 welcome the economic benefits of airport expansion
16 and increased passenger and cargo activity.

17 (5) Within the southern California region, air-
18 ports should be developed and expanded in commu-
19 nities that want airports.

20 (6) Both air and surface traffic congestion at
21 Los Angeles International Airport pose significant
22 safety and quality of life concerns for the community
23 surrounding the airport, and those concerns will only
24 be exacerbated if air traffic at the airport continues
25 to grow.

1 (7) Air traffic at Los Angeles International Air-
2 port should not be allowed to increase beyond
3 78,000,000 annual air passengers.

4 **SEC. 3. AIR TRAFFIC AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL**
5 **AIRPORT.**

6 (a) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Transportation
7 may not approve any revision or modification of the air-
8 port layout plan for Los Angeles International Airport if
9 the revision or modification could result in an increase in
10 the number of air passengers at the airport to a level ex-
11 ceeding 78,000,000 air passengers per year.

12 (b) AIR PASSENGER DEFINED.—In this section, the
13 term “air passenger” means an individual who boards
14 (within the meaning of section 47102(10) of title 49,
15 United States Code) or exits an aircraft at an airport.

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