#### 110TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# H.R. 2872

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#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 26, 2007

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 "LAX Community Safe-
- 5 ty Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 Congress finds the following:

- 1 (1) Los Angeles International Airport (in this
  2 Act referred to as "LAX") is located in an urban
  3 environment and is surrounded on 3 sides by cities
  4 and communities in Los Angeles County, California,
  5 and is bounded on the fourth side by the Pacific
  6 Ocean.
  - (2) LAX occupies approximately 3,400 acres, a relatively small area compared to other airports with comparable passenger volumes and aircraft operations.

### (3) LAX has 2 pairs of parallel runways—

- (A) Runways 24R and 24L, which are located north of the main terminals and known collectively as the North Runways; and
- (B) Runways 25R and 25L, which are located south of the main terminals and known collectively as the South Runways.
- (4) Los Angeles World Airports, which operates LAX, has proposed relocating Runway 24R at least 340 feet north of its current location and argues that doing so would reduce runway incursions and improve safety.
- (5) Historically, approximately 80 percent of runway incursions at LAX have occurred on the South Runways, while only 20 percent have occurred

- on the North Runways. The rate of incursions on the North Runways is comparable to or lower than other busy commercial United States airports. Consequently, relocating Runway 24R farther to the north would not have a significant impact on runway incursions.
  - (6) Runway status lights and surface movement equipment have been shown to enhance the margin of safety at airport runways, and installing such lights and equipment on the North Runways would improve safety more effectively and at less cost than relocating Runway 24R farther to the north.
  - (7) Relocating Runway 24R farther to the north would increase noise, air pollution, and other environmental impacts on residents, schools, churches, and businesses in—
    - (A) the communities of Westchester and Playa del Rey, which lie adjacent to the north side of LAX; and
    - (B) the City of Inglewood and the communities of Vermont Knolls and South Los Angeles, which lie to the east of LAX underneath the arrival flight path.
  - (8) Relocating Runway 24R farther to the north would bring the risk of an aircraft accident

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- 1 closer to homes, schools, churches, and businesses in
- 2 Westchester and Playa del Rey and, consequently,
- 3 reduce safety for people who live and work in these
- 4 communities.
- 5 (9) Relocating Runway 24R farther to the 6 north would necessitate resetting the runway protec-7 tion zone for LAX, which could require the removal
- 8 of businesses and homes in Westchester.
- 9 (10) State and local officials who represent the 10 communities surrounding LAX have expressed oppo-11 sition to relocating Runway 24R farther to the
- north.
- 13 (11) Community members of Westchester and 14 Playa del Rey have expressed opposition to relo-15 cating Runway 24R farther to the north.
- 16 (12) Relocating Runway 24R farther to the 17 north is not in the best interests of the communities 18 surrounding LAX.
- 19 SEC. 3. LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.
- The Secretary of Transportation may not approve
- 21 under subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code, any
- 22 project for the relocation of Runway 24R, or for construc-
- 23 tion of a runway north of the location of Runway 24R

- 1 on the date of enactment of this Act, at Los Angeles Inter-
- 2 national Airport.

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