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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR)) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Fly Together Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. POLICY ON FAMILIES FLYING WITH YOUNG CHIL-**
6 **DREN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
9 tation shall establish a policy directing all air carriers pro-

1 viding scheduled passenger interstate or intrastate air
2 transportation to establish policies that enable a child, who
3 is age 13 or under on the date an applicable flight is
4 scheduled to occur, to be seated in a seat adjacent to the
5 seat of an accompanying family member over the age of
6 13, to the maximum extent practicable and at no addi-
7 tional cost, except when assignment to an adjacent seat
8 would—

9 (1) require an upgrade to—

10 (A) another cabin class;

11 (B) a seat with extra legroom; or

12 (C) seat pitch for which additional pay-
13 ment is normally required; or

14 (2) violate safety guidelines.

15 (b) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Notwithstanding
16 the requirement in subsection (a), nothing in this section
17 may be construed to allow the Secretary to impose a sig-
18 nificant change in the overall seating or boarding policy
19 of an air carrier providing scheduled passenger interstate
20 or intrastate air transportation that has an open or flexi-
21 ble seating policy in place that generally allows adjacent
22 family seating as described in subsection (a).

1 (c) DEFINITION OF AIR CARRIER.—In this section,
2 the term “air carrier” has the meaning given the term
3 in section 40102(a) of title 49, United States Code.

