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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MENENDEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Protecting Commu-  
5       nities from Helicopter Noise Act”.

1   **SEC. 2. STUDY ON HELICOPTER OPERATIONS.**

2           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal  
3   Aviation Administration shall conduct a study on heli-  
4   copter operations within a 20-mile radius of the Statue  
5   of Liberty National Monument.

6           (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-  
7   section (a), the Administrator shall focus on the following  
8   items:

9           (1) The effect of persistent helicopter noise on  
10   residential and recreational areas, including—

11           (A) an analysis of the volume of helicopter  
12   traffic, including the time helicopters are flying  
13   and the frequency of helicopters traversing the  
14   airspace;

15           (B) an analysis of noise levels related to  
16   helicopter operations;

17           (C) an analysis of safety, health, environ-  
18   mental, and economic issues related to heli-  
19   copter operations;

20           (D) an analysis of whether helicopters are  
21   following the terms and conditions of voluntary  
22   agreements, including the Statue of Liberty Na-  
23   tional Monument and Governors Island Na-  
24   tional Monument Voluntary Agreement;

25           (E) an analysis of the origination of heli-  
26   copters traversing the airspace within a 20-mile

1 radius of the Statue of Liberty National Monu-  
2 ment;

3 (F) an analysis of the necessity of heli-  
4 copter traffic within a 20-mile radius of the  
5 Statue of Liberty National Monument;

6 (G) an analysis of how helicopters con-  
7 tribute to the congestion of the airspace within  
8 a 20-mile radius of the Statue of Liberty;

9 (H) an projection of how electric vertical  
10 take off and landing aircraft or other advanced  
11 air mobility technologies will contribute to the  
12 congestion, noise, and safety of the airspace  
13 within a 20-mile radius of the Statue of Lib-  
14 erty;

15 (I) an analysis of the quality of life of resi-  
16 dents living in areas with high volumes of heli-  
17 copter noise; and

18 (J) an analysis of any other issue related  
19 to helicopter traffic on residential and rec-  
20 reational areas.

21 (2) Solutions to abate or eliminate helicopter  
22 noise on residential and recreational areas, includ-  
23 ing—

24 (A) the feasibility of diverting helicopters  
25 from residential and recreational areas;

1           (B) the feasibility of creating new flight  
2           paths for helicopters, with attention to the pres-  
3           ence of airports within a 20-mile radius of the  
4           Statue of Liberty National Monument;

5           (C) an analysis of whether banning non-  
6           essential helicopters within a 20-mile radius of  
7           the Statue of Liberty will increase the overall  
8           safety, health, and environment of the commu-  
9           nity;

10          (D) the feasibility of establishing altitude  
11          limits for helicopter operations in and around  
12          within a 20-mile radius of the Statue of Liberty  
13          National Monument; and

14          (E) other options for abating helicopter  
15          noise.

16          (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
17          of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit  
18          to Congress a report on the study under subsection (a).