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To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct a study on the operation of helicopters within a 15 mile radius of the Statue of Liberty National Monument, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 15 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 15 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 15 mile radius of the
5 Statue of Liberty National Monument;

6 (G) an analysis of the quality of life of
7 residents living in areas with high volumes of
8 helicopter noise; and

9 (H) an analysis of any other issue related
10 to helicopter traffic on residential and rec-
11 reational areas.

12 (2) Solutions to abate or eliminate helicopter
13 noise on residential and recreational areas, includ-
14 ing—

15 (A) the feasibility of diverting helicopters
16 from residential and recreational areas;

17 (B) the feasibility of creating new flight
18 paths for helicopters, with attention to the pres-
19 ence of airports within a 15 mile radius of the
20 Statue of Liberty National Monument;

21 (C) the feasibility of establishing altitude
22 limits for helicopter operations in and around
23 within a 15 mile radius of the Statue of Liberty
24 National Monument; and

1 (D) other options for abating helicopter
2 noise.

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