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At the end of subtitle G of title X of division A, add the following:

SEC. ___. MITIGATION OF HELICOPTER NOISE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall take the following actions to mitigate helicopter noise and to receive, track, and analyze complaints on an ongoing basis from individuals in the National Capital Region:

(1) Develop a noise inquiry website, to assist in directing mitigation efforts toward concentrated areas of inquiry, that is based off of the websites of the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and the Dulles International Airport. Such website shall—

(A) provide a form to collect inquiry information;

(B) geo-tag the location of the inquiry to an exportable map;

(C) export information to an Excel spreadsheet; and
(D) send an email response to the individual making the inquiry.

(2) Establish an monthly helicopter noise abatement working group led by the Department of Defense to collect, correlate, and identify trends associated with helicopter noise within the National Capital Region, with officials of the Department of Defense and the Federal Aviation Administration in attendance. The working group shall recommend procedural and systematic changes to mitigate the impact of helicopter noise on the community while sustaining aircrew readiness, training, and mission support.

(b) DEFINITION OF NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION.—In this section, the term “National Capital Region” means—

(1) the District of Columbia;

(2) Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties in Maryland;

(3) Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties in Virginia; and

(4) all cities and towns included within the outer boundaries of the foregoing counties.