AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
OFFERED BY MR. CUMMINGS OF MARYLAND

At the end of title I, insert the following:

SEC. 1. NOISE MEASURING AND ASSESSMENT.

(a) ADOPTION OF 21ST CENTURY NOISE MEASURING SYSTEM.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall adopt and implement a system for measuring and assessing aircraft noise that—

(1) for flight paths that were altered after January 1, 2012, as part of the implementation of the NextGen Program, employs state-of-the-art technologies, metrics, and methodologies to measure actual levels of noise experienced in communities affected by the flight paths; and

(2) for existing flight paths—

(A) measures and accounts for actual noise experienced at ground level; and

(B) does not rely solely on computer modeling or other theoretical measures.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF DATA.—Data on noise levels collected by the Administration through the noise meas-
uring system established under subsection (a), including all data on noise levels recorded at ground level, shall—

(1) be made available on the public internet website of the Administration;

(2) provide specific information for each community in which a noise measuring system is implemented; and

(3) be updated not less frequently than once every 6 months.

(c) GAO STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the effectiveness of the noise measuring system established under subsection (a).

(2) CONTENTS.—The report shall include, at a minimum, information on the extent to which—

(A) the noise measuring system has been implemented in communities described in subsection (a)(1);
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(B) the Administration is making complete
data collected by the noise measuring system
available on its website; and

(C) the noise levels measured by the sys-
tem have been utilized by the Administration in
the design and implementation of any flight
path changes implemented by the Administra-
tion beginning 3 years after the date of enact-
ment of this Act.

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