AMENDMENT
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Page 499, after line 22, insert the following:

SEC. 1632. AVIATION INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE FOR Cleaner
AND QUIETER SKIES VOUCHER PROGRAM.

(a) Establishment.—The Secretary shall establish
and carry out a program, to be known as the “Aviation
Industry Assistance for Cleaner and Quieter Skies Voucher
Program”, under which the Secretary shall issue elec-
tronic vouchers to air carriers, subject to the specifications
set forth in subsection (d), to offset the purchase or cost
of a lease of eligible new aircraft in exchange for commit-
ments from such air carriers to decommission certain cur-
rently used aircraft and sell such aircraft for recycling of
parts or disposal.

(b) Application.—To be eligible for the program es-
tablished under subsection (a), an air carrier shall submit
to the Secretary an application at such time, in such man-
ner, and containing such information as the Secretary may
require, including a description of a currently used aircraft
of the air carrier.

(c) Program Requirements.—
(1) **List of Eligible Aircraft.**—In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, shall prepare, maintain, publicize, and make available through a publicly available website, lists of—

(A) applicable currently used aircraft;

(B) eligible aircraft for purchase or lease;

and

(C) registered aircraft recycling firms eligible to purchase currently used aircraft under this section.

(2) **Commitment Requirement.**—In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall issue such regulations as are necessary to establish requirements for an air carrier to purchase or lease an eligible aircraft described in subsection (a), including a timing requirement for the purchase of such, and decommissioning and selling of applicable currently used aircraft of the air carrier for recycling of parts or disposal, except as provided in subsection (f)(2).

(d) **Value of Vouchers.**—The Secretary may determine the value of each voucher, not to exceed $10,000,000, based on the difference in emissions between
the currently used aircraft being decommissioned and sold
and the eligible aircraft being purchased or leased. In de-
termining the value of each voucher, the Secretary shall
also consider if such eligible aircraft also include noise re-
duction, including whether such aircraft meet Stage 5
standards. In addition, the Secretary shall consider seat
capacity and typical stage length of both the currently
used aircraft being decommissioned and sold and the eligi-
bile aircraft being purchased or leased in determining the
value of the voucher.

(e) Regulations.—Not later than 180 days after
the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue
such regulations as are necessary to carry out this section,
including a requirement that a voucher may be used only
to pay a new aircraft order, not an order placed (even if
not not filled) before the date of enactment of this Act.

(f) Registration.—

(1) In General.—The Secretary shall register
aircraft recycling firms eligible to purchase currently
used aircraft under this section and establish re-
quirements and procedures for the recycling of parts
or disposal of such aircraft to ensure that such air-
craft are taken out of service and not used to de-
velop other aircraft with higher greenhouse gas
emissions.
(2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), in the case of an emergency declared by the Secretary or a national emergency declared by the President, the Secretary may temporarily waive the provisions of such paragraph that prevent the use of aircraft taken out of service pursuant to this section for the purposes of responding to such emergency or national emergency.

(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to carry out the program established under this section $1,000,000,000 and such sums shall remain available until expended.

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section the following definitions apply:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(2) AIR CARRIER.—The term “air carrier” has the meaning given such term in section 40102 of title 49, United States Code.

(3) CURRENTLY USED AIRCRAFT.—The term “currently used aircraft” means—

(A) aircraft in the bottom 25 percent of the air carrier’s aircraft fleet in terms of fuel efficiency per seat; and
(B) aircraft that have been in service for at least 1,500 hours in the previous calendar year.

(4) ELIGIBLE AIRCRAFT.—The term “eligible aircraft” means aircraft that must be new and considered by the Secretary highly fuel-efficient with some consideration given to their noise impact.

(5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Transportation.