AMENDMENT
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OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of division E, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . FAA RESPONSIVENESS TO CONGRESS.

(a) PURPOSE.—This section is enacted pursuant to
the legislative oversight responsibilities of Congress and
to enable a Member of Congress to effectively represent
their constituents and respond to constituent inquiries.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—If a Member of Congress sub-
mits to the FAA a written request for information on pro-
posed, previous, or current flight procedures or other data
or information relating to the District of such Member,
the following conditions apply:

(1) DATA REQUEST.—Not later than 90 days
after receipt of such request, the Administrator of
the FAA shall substantively respond in writing with
the requested data or information in the format re-
quested by the Member of Congress, if—

(A) the data is within the control of the
FAA; and

(B) the data would be otherwise appro-
priate to provide if requested—
(i) by an airline, an airport, a flight procedure proponent, an Aviation Round-

table, or anyone not employed by the FAA;
or

(ii) via a Freedom of Information re-
quest from any individual or any entity.

(2) NOTIFICATION.—If the Administrator does not provide the requested information pursuant to paragraph (1), the Administrator shall notify the requesting Member of Congress, Congress, and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of the House of Representatives.

(e) STAFFING OF MEETINGS.—If a Member of Congress submits to the FAA a written request for the FAA to provide staff at a private or public meeting with the Member, the Administrator shall provide such staff if—

(1) the request is made in writing at least 30 days before the meeting date; and

(2) the request is made on the same terms and conditions as specified by FAA appearances at Aviation Roundtable meetings.

(d) NOTIFICATION.—If the Administrator does not comply with a request made by a Member of Congress (as described in subsection (e)), the Administrator shall pro-
vide the requesting Member of Congress, Congress, and
the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Transportation
and Infrastructure Committee of the House of Represent-
atives with an explanation why the request will not be ful-
filled.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
nitions apply:

(1) FAA.—The term “FAA” means the Federal
Aviation Administration.

(2) Flight Procedure.—The term “flight
procedure” means a preplanned Instrument Flight
Rules (IFR) procedure published for pilot use, in
graphic or textual format, that provides obstruction
clearance from the terminal area to the en route
structure (departure) or from the en route structure
to the terminal area (arrival).

(3) Procedure Proponent.—The term “pro-
cedure proponent” means a person or entity pro-
posing a new or modified flight procedure.

(4) Aviation Roundtable.—The term “Avia-
tion Roundtable” means an organization designed to
address community concerns over a sustained period
of time regarding aircraft operations often associated
with a nearby airport.