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# H. R. 2467

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2023

Mr. MEUSER (for himself and Mr. TRONE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Supporting Middle  
5 America’s Airports Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE.**

7 Section 41731 of title 49, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

1 (A) subparagraph (B) by inserting “and”  
2 at the end; and

3 (B) by striking subparagraph (D);

4 (2) in subsection (c) by striking “Subpara-  
5 graphs (B), (C), and (D) of subsection (a)(1)” and  
6 inserting “Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subsection  
7 (a)(1) and subsection (g)”;

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(g) LIMITATION ON ELIGIBLE PLACES.—Beginning  
10 on the day that is 3 years after the date of enactment  
11 of this subsection, the Secretary may only provide com-  
12 pensation to an air carrier under this subchapter for the  
13 provision of essential air service to a place if, at any time  
14 before such day, the place received essential air service  
15 under this subchapter.”.

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