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To establish a grant program for surface transportation infrastructure projects that connect to airports, and for other purposes.

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Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Don’t Miss Your
5 Flight Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR AIRPORT CONNECTION INFRASTRUC-**
7 **TURE.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) PUBLIC AIRPORT.—The term “public air-
2 port” has the meaning given the term in section
3 47102 of title 49, United States Code.

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

6 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means—

7 (A) a State;

8 (B) the District of Columbia;

9 (C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

10 and

11 (D) any other territory or possession of the
12 United States.

13 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
14 and carry out a program to provide grants to entities de-
15 scribed in subsection (c) for projects described in sub-
16 section (d).

17 (c) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity eligible to re-
18 ceive a grant under this section is—

19 (1) a State;

20 (2) an Indian Tribe; or

21 (3) a unit of local government, including a pub-
22 lic agency (as defined in section 47102 of title 49,
23 United States Code) that has control over a public
24 airport.

25 (d) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—A project eligible to be car-
2 ried out with a grant under this section is a project
3 described in paragraph (2) that—

4 (A) connects to a public airport;

5 (B) makes improvements on land that is
6 on, or within 5 miles of, that public airport; and

7 (C) reduces congestion, expands capacity,
8 provides access to under-connected areas, or re-
9 habilitates roadway, rail, or transit infrastruc-
10 ture (including bridges, tunnels, and rolling
11 stock).

12 (2) PROJECTS DESCRIBED.—A project referred
13 to in paragraph (1) is—

14 (A) a highway or bridge project eligible for
15 assistance under title 23, United States Code;

16 (B) a public transportation project eligible
17 for assistance under chapter 53 of title 49,
18 United States Code; or

19 (C) a passenger rail transportation project
20 eligible for assistance under title 49, United
21 States Code.

22 (e) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
23 under this section, an entity described in subsection (b)
24 shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time,

1 in such manner, and containing such information as the
2 Secretary may require.

3 (f) REQUIREMENT.—Of the amounts made available
4 for each fiscal year to carry out this section, the Secretary
5 shall use—

6 (1) not less than 50 percent for projects de-
7 scribed in subsection (d) that connect to airports
8 that are large hub airports (as defined in section
9 47102 of title 49, United States Code) as of the
10 date of enactment of this Act; and

11 (2) not less than 30 percent for projects de-
12 scribed in subsection (d) that connect to airports
13 that are medium hub airports (as defined in section
14 47102 of title 49, United States Code) as of the
15 date of enactment of this Act.

16 (g) COST-SHARE.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the
18 cost of a project carried out with a grant under this
19 section shall be determined in accordance with sec-
20 tion 120 of title 23, United States Code.

21 (2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding
22 any other provision of law, an eligible entity may use
23 toward the non-Federal share of the cost of a project
24 carried out with a grant under this section—

1 (A) credit assistance under the TIFIA pro-
2 gram (as defined in section 601(a) of title 23,
3 United States Code), if that credit assistance
4 was provided for a project described in para-
5 graph (12)(G) of that section; and

6 (B) any passenger facility charges (as de-
7 fined in section 40117(a) of title 49, United
8 States Code) collected by the eligible entity.

9 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated out of the Highway Trust
11 Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account)
12 \$1,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through
13 2031 to carry out this section.

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