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H. R. 6721

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Mr. CALVERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Corona Municipal Air-
5 port Lease Extension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) In 1960, Corona established the Corona
2 Municipal Airport to provide recreational opportuni-
3 ties for aviators throughout southern California.

4 (2) The City of Corona initially entered into a
5 lease agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engi-
6 neers on December 24, 1959.

7 (3) The City's lease with the Corps of Engi-
8 neers enabled the construction of the airport into its
9 current configuration.

10 (4) For over 60 years, the Corona Municipal
11 Airport has supported local businesses, tourism, and
12 recreation for local residents and the region.

13 (5) The Corona Municipal Airport maintains
14 the capability to assist in public safety efforts to
15 protect life and property where aviation assets may
16 be necessary.

17 (6) The Corona Municipal Airport supports ap-
18 proximately one dozen local, small businesses.

19 (7) The Corona Municipal Airport continues to
20 drive business development and local tourism for the
21 City of Corona and connect people throughout
22 southern California to those opportunities.

23 (8) The City of Corona's lease with the Corps
24 of Engineers is set to expire on January 30, 2037,

1 without an opportunity to grandfather the facility
2 under existing policies.

3 (9) The closure of the Corona Municipal Air-
4 port would deprive aviators of significant opportuni-
5 ties to enjoy this recreation pastime as fewer small,
6 recreational airports in the region remain open and
7 accessible.

8 (10) Extending the City's lease with the Corps
9 of Engineers would allow this culturally and eco-
10 nomically significant facility to continue serving avi-
11 ators in the region.

12 **SEC. 3. CORONA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT LEASE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
14 sion of law, or any policy of the Corps of Engineers, the
15 Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engi-
16 neers, shall treat the covered lease as a valid lease of land
17 at a water resource development project under section 4
18 of the Act entitled, “An Act authorizing the construction
19 of certain public works on rivers and harbors for flood con-
20 trol, and for other purposes”, approved December 22,
21 1944 (16 U.S.C. 460d), for the purpose of renewing the
22 covered lease.

23 (b) DEFINITION OF COVERED LEASE.—In this Act,
24 the term “covered lease” means the lease of land and
25 water areas within the Prado Flood Control Basin Project

1 Area between the Department of the Army and the City
2 of Corona, California, for operations of the Corona Munic-
3 ipal Airport (Recreation Lease No. DACW09-1-67-60).

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