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To amend title 49, United States Code, to allow the owner or operator of a small hub airport that is reclassified as a medium hub airport to elect to be treated as a small hub airport, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 2023

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Dependable Classifica-
5 tion of Airports Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF AIRPORTS RECLASSIFIED FROM**
 2 **SMALL TO MEDIUM HUB AIRPORTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 471 of title 49, United
 4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 47131
 5 the following:

6 **“§47132. Treatment of airports reclassified from**
 7 **small to medium hub airports**

8 “With respect to the application of law and regula-
 9 tion, the owner or operator of a small hub airport that,
 10 in fiscal year 2021 or any succeeding fiscal year, is des-
 11 ignated as a medium hub airport, may elect to be treated
 12 as a small hub airport for any period of up to 5 consecu-
 13 tive fiscal years, beginning with the fiscal year in which
 14 the small hub airport is to be designated as a medium
 15 hub airport.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
 17 ter 471 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
 18 inserting after the item relating to section 47131 the fol-
 19 lowing:

“47132. Treatment of airports reclassified from small to medium hub airports.”.

