AMENDMENT NO._______ Calendar No._____

Purpose: To allow airports to use airport improvement program funds to repair damage to runway safety areas caused by natural disasters.

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To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2016 through 2017, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _________________ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MANCHIN

Viz:

1. At the end of subtitle B of title I, add the following:

2. SEC. 1222. USE OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR RUNWAY SAFETY REPAIRS.

3. (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 471, as amended by this subtitle, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

4. "§47144. Use of funds for repairs for runway safety repairs

5. "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation

6. may make project grants under this subchapter to an air-

7. port described in subsection (b) from funds under section
apportioned to that airport or funds available for
discretionary grants to that airport under section 47115
to conduct airport development to repair the runway safety area of the airport damaged as a result of a natural
disaster in order to maintain compliance with the regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration relating to
runway safety areas, without regard to whether construction of the runway safety area damaged was carried out
using amounts the airport received under this subchapter.

"(b) AIRPORTS DESCRIBED.—An airport is described
in this subsection if—

"(1) the airport is a public-use airport;

"(2) the airport is listed in the National Plan
of Integrated Airport Systems of the Federal Avia-
tion Administration;

"(3) the runway safety area of the airport was
damaged as a result of a natural disaster;

"(4) the airport was denied funding under the
Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 4121 et seq.) with respect
to the disaster;

"(5) the operator of the airport has exhausted
all legal remedies, including legal action against any
parties (or insurers thereof) whose action or inaction
may have contributed to the need for the repair of the runway safety area;

"(6) there is still a demonstrated need for the runway safety area to accommodate current or imminent aeronautical demand; and

"(7) the cost of repairing or replacing the runway safety area is reasonable in relation to the anticipated operational benefit of repairing the runway safety area, as determined by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 471, as amended by this subtitle, is further amended by inserting after the item relating to section 47143 the following:

"47144. Use of funds for repairs for runway safety repairs."