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The Honorable Frank Lucas, Chairman  
The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, Ranking Member  
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Lucas and Ranking Member Lofgren,

PlanetIQ is honored to support H.R. 6093, the Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2023. The original Weather Act of 2017 marked a pivotal moment in enhancing America's weather forecasting capabilities, thanks to increased Congressional support and attention to critical needs. Since then, the American weather enterprise has grown and become an important partner in supporting government missions such as improving weather forecast accuracy and skill.

Your Committee has worked tirelessly to build upon the success of the Weather Act through this new legislation, and PlanetIQ extends our support and admiration for your progress. We are deeply appreciative of your commitment to addressing environmental prediction, safeguarding lives and property, and fortifying our federal agencies, such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in their collaborations with the private sector, academia, and state and local authorities.

PlanetIQ works closely with NOAA to provide our space-based weather information. Authorized in the Weather Act of 2017, we have worked through the Commercial Weather Data Pilot Program and the Commercial Data Purchase Program to prove the viability of partnering with the commercial sector. The enhancements to these programs in this legislation will further allow us to partner with NOAA and provide critical data for weather forecast improvement.

PlanetIQ applauds the Committee for its continued commitment to improving our national weather capabilities and looks forward to this bill's passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris McCormick".

Chris McCormick  
President and Chairman  
PlanetIQ