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The Honorable Frank Lucas, Chair  
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
2321 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, Ranking Member  
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
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Dear Chairman Lucas and Ranking Member Lofgren:

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and our worldwide Earth and space science community, I am writing to thank you for introducing H.R.6093, the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Reauthorization Act of 2023,” and to offer AGU’s support for this important bill.

We praise the bill’s goal of building on the achievements of the original Weather Act, which led to numerous advances in weather forecasting and predictions of high-impact weather events. As our communities become increasingly affected by severe weather-related impacts, from wildfires to flooding to extreme storms and drought, it’s even more imperative that the nation’s weather forecasting capabilities remain cutting-edge and that every region and state has access to the most reliable weather data and tools. However, while the provisions of this bill aim to do this and more, we are concerned that proposed cuts to programmatic funding may undermine those efforts.

As an organization dedicated to ensuring that science is not only usable but used, AGU appreciates your leadership in ensuring the nation is positioned to address emerging and occurring weather and climate impacts. We look forward to working with you as this bill advances.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lexi Shultz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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