

April 24, 2024

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,

As the CTO of a small business specializing in weather and space technology, I am writing to express my strong support for H.R. 6093, the Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2023. My experience in the private sector, combined with a deep understanding of the critical role weather information plays in various industries, has given me a significant appreciation of the importance of advanced weather forecasting and data analysis.

NOAA's mission is vital for not only governmental operations but also for businesses like ours that depend heavily on accurate and timely weather data. Our company's success and the safety of the communities we serve rely on these insights to navigate and mitigate weather-related challenges effectively.

The collaboration and improvements initiated by the Weather Act of 2017 have been instrumental for private companies in our field. The integration of commercial weather data into NOAA's forecasts and the enhanced cooperation with academia have significantly propelled forward our capabilities in earth-system modeling and other critical areas.

The proposed Weather Act Reauthorization Act promises to further these advancements and strengthen the ties between NOAA and components of the American weather enterprise, including small businesses like ours. I commend your leadership and the efforts of the Committee in championing these essential initiatives.

I am enthusiastic about the potential improvements this reauthorization could bring and look forward to seeing it progress swiftly through Congress. Thank you for your dedication to enhancing America's weather forecasting capabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarvesh", written in a cursive style.

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