

November 6, 2023

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,

I am writing on behalf of Spire to express our strong support for H.R. 6093, the Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2023. Since the passage of the original bill in 2017, America's meteorological enterprise has experienced remarkable advancements owing to the federal backing and attention directed towards enhancing our weather forecasting capabilities. In this legislation, your esteemed Committee members and dedicated staff have built upon the accomplishments of the Weather Act with new and robust partnership opportunities. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to addressing weather forecast improvement, including safeguarding lives and property, and for your steadfast support of our federal agencies, most notably the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), enabling them to forge stronger partnerships with the private sector, academia, and state and local authorities.

Spire is a prominent stakeholder in the weather forecasting enterprise, specializing in space-based data that is critical for numerical weather prediction. As a valued partner of NOAA, we have been deeply engaged in efforts to advance the field of weather prediction, working in tandem with NOAA through various initiatives such as the Commercial Weather Data Pilot Program and the Commercial Data Purchase program. We are committed to sustaining and enhancing our partnership with NOAA and actively participating in the pursuit of shared objectives aimed at improving the nation's weather forecasting capabilities.

Spire commends the continuous support and reauthorization of the Weather Act, alongside the constructive enhancements introduced in H.R. 6093. We eagerly anticipate further progress on this legislation and strongly endorse its passage. Through the new programs in this reauthorization, we can significantly enhance the safety and well-being of all Americans. We remain steadfast in our dedication to partnering with NOAA and contributing to the success of these vital initiatives.

Sincerely



Peter Platzer
Chief Executive Officer