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The Honorable Brian Babin
Chairman
House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
2236 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
Ranking Member
House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
1401 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Babin and Ranking Member Lofgren,

I am writing on behalf of Synoptic Data Public Benefit Corporation to express our support for H.R. 5089, the Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2025. Synoptic has been a strong proponent of the Weather Act since its inception in 2017 and is pleased to see that the current version of the bill expands the definition of commercial data to include surface, ocean, and airborne based observations as well as further highlight the ever-increasing importance of commercial data buy programs leveraging capabilities from members and collaborators of the broader Weather Enterprise.

First and foremost, I would also like to acknowledge and thank you both as well as the Science Committee for your continued leadership in advancing important scientific issues. Under your leadership, the Committee and the Congress have pushed NOAA to increasingly utilize non-federal data and capabilities to improve nowcasting and forecasting, which in turn is greatly benefiting our nation at large.

As the lead subcontractor of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Mesonet Program (NMP), Synoptic has worked closely with non-federal data providers for over a decade and we understand the importance these public-private-academic partnerships deliver. The NMP's goal is to expand the use of commercially available weather data to ensure a Weather-Ready Nation. By lowering



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the barriers to entry and formalizing third-party data buys, the federal government is ensuring access to high-quality data and facilitating more accurate weather forecasts for the protection of life and property and the enhancement of the national economy.

Synoptic Data is a proud and contributing member of the Weather Enterprise, and we have worked closely with NOAA and Congress for decades on important related issues. We look forward to full passage of H.R. 5089 and its implementation in the years to come.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashish Raval", enclosed within a circular scribble.

Ashish Raval
President & CEO
Synoptic Data Public Benefit Corporation