

April 25, 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:

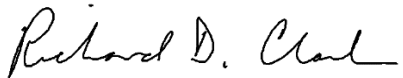
I am writing to express my strong support for H.R. 6093, the Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2023, currently under consideration by the U.S. House of Representatives.

As we are all aware, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) plays an indispensable role in providing critical weather forecasts that are vital for the safety and well-being of all Americans. From minute-to-minute updates to long-term projections, NOAA's forecasts are integral to the functioning of various sectors, including transportation, agriculture, finance, and environmental security. NOAA stands as a cornerstone of our nation's operational agencies, and its importance cannot be overstated.

Since the enactment of the Weather Act in 2017, NOAA has made significant strides in enhancing its partnerships with private industry, academia, state agencies, federal agencies, and international partners. These collaborations have led to remarkable advancements in weather forecasting, leveraging data from diverse sources such as university observing networks and commercial aircraft weather data. Additionally, NOAA's close ties with emergency managers across the nation have strengthened our resilience in the face of severe weather events.

The proposed H.R. 6093 builds upon the successes of the existing law and provides the framework for further enhancements in NOAA's collaboration with the broader weather enterprise. Reauthorization of this act is crucial for the future advancements of NOAA and its ability to fulfill its mission effectively. I commend you, along with other members of the H.R. Committee and the dedicated federal employees, for your unwavering support in championing this important legislation.

Respectfully,



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