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The Honorable Frank Lucas
Committee on Science,
Space, and Technology
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
Committee on Science,
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Dear Representatives Lucas and Lofgren:

I am writing to express my support for the introduction of H.R. 6093, The Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2023. As the CEO of WindBorne Systems, a company deeply invested in the advancement of weather-related technology and services, I believe that this legislation will be pivotal in fostering continued progress and innovation across the American Weather Enterprise.

Weather-related data and services play a critical role in the daily lives of millions of people and countless industries across the United States. Timely and accurate weather forecasts are essential for informed decision-making, from agriculture to aviation to everyday life. H.R. 6093's aim to reauthorize and strengthen the Weather Act will ensure agencies are authorized to seek out reliable partners from every corner of the country.

WindBorne Systems collects novel weather data via a globally deployed, long-duration, sensor-carrying *in-situ* balloon network that is the largest of its kind in the world. Airborne systems like the WindBorne Global Sounding Balloon collect unique data points in data-sparse and data-absent regions outside of commercial aircraft flight paths that are incredibly valuable in improving forecasts of atmospheric phenomena impacting humanity, resources, and industries such as aviation. Legislation like H.R. 6093 is a vital step toward ensuring Federal agencies have access to the most cutting-edge technologies available.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the betterment of our nation's weather services. Please consider WindBorne Systems as a committed partner in these efforts for the successful implementation of this legislation.

Sincerely,

John Dean
CEO
WindBorne Systems

