

Dr. Kelvin K. Droegemeier
2701 River Birch Lane
Urbana, IL 61802

24 April 2024

The Honorable Frank Lucas, Chairman
The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, Ranking Member
Committee on Science, Space and Technology
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Reauthorization Act of 2023

Dear Chairman Lucas and Ranking Member Lofgren,

I am writing to offer my strong support for passage of H.R. 6093, the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Reauthorization Act of 2023. I am former **Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and Science Advisor to the President**, and former **Acting Director of the National Science Foundation**.

During my 38 years at the University of Oklahoma, **I worked with Committee staff on several sections of the original Weather Act as well as the 2023 reauthorization**. The reauthorization is an **extraordinarily important and well-crafted piece of legislation**, the passage of which is essential if the United States is to address increasingly difficult challenges of severe weather detection, prediction, warning, and public response. It also is critical if we seek to capture international leadership in numerical weather prediction, for which Europe has led the world for many years. The Act also contains important language to memorialize in law key facets of the **Interagency Council for Advancing Meteorological Services (ICAMS)**, the creation of which I led during my time at OSTP in close collaboration with Dr. Neil Jacobs of NOAA.

Last summer, I returned to my graduate alma mater, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, as Professor of Climate, Meteorology & Atmospheric Sciences and Special Advisor to the Chancellor for Science and Policy. Here, I continue to work on a broad array of science policy issues across disciplines and agencies and am serving as a consultant to the National Science Foundation. As always, I stand ready to assist your efforts in whatever ways may be most beneficial.

Thank you very much for considering my thoughts, and I am especially grateful for your outstanding bi-partisan leadership and staunch support for science and research!

Sincerely,



Kelvin K. Droegemeier