



November 7, 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 Urban Sky to offer our support for H.R. 6093, the Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2023. This legislation improves on programs established in the Weather Act of 2017 and will allow for greater partnership and collaboration with the American Weather Enterprise. Through the provisions in this bill, private industry will be able to engage agencies like the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to offer their expertise and support for both research and operational weather forecast improvement.

Urban Sky is a U.S.-based company that manufactures unique, patented long-duration balloon systems for delivering broad area, high-resolution aerial imagery and data that can benefit multiple government missions. Urban Sky utilizes zero-emission stratospheric micro-balloons to reduce costs, increase reusability, and increase data quality. Our technology and expertise will help improve weather forecasting capabilities with critical data for numerical prediction.

Urban Sky applauds the Committee's continued support for agencies like NOAA, the critical government mission of improving weather forecasting, and for the vision to enable private industry to have a seat at the table. We look forward to further Congressional action on this bill and support its passage.

Sincerely

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