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

Representative Zoe Lofgren
Ranking Member
House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
1401 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, CD 20515

Dear Chairman Lucas and Ranking Member Lofgren,

America has the worst weather on Earth. Tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, ice storms, blizzards, and drought-induced wildfires ravage our nation every year. That's why nothing on your local television newscast ranks higher in audience interest and impact than the weather forecast...because everyone can relate to it.

To survive the worst weather on the planet, Americans need the best weather products available. The Weather Act of 2017 gave NOAA and the National Weather Service (NWS) the financing, tools, and support to continue their outstanding job. Today, computing, storage, and dissemination via "The Cloud" is just one of many newer innovations that will allow the NWS to expand and improve the forecasts and warnings that protect lives and property, and positively impact a significant portion of the American economy. To do so, the NWS needs critical upgrades and better funding.

Your support of The Weather Act Reauthorization will positively benefit every citizen, every business, every industry, and every community in your state, allowing the NWS to continue its cutting-edge science and technology for the advancement and protection of our people and our economy. As a broadcast meteorologist, I can attest that with your backing, the forecast for The Weather Act Reauthorization will be very sunny indeed.

Thank you for your time and attention, and your loyal service to our great nation.

Sincerely,

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