The Weather Company

September 8, 2025

The Honorable Brian Babin, Chairman
The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, Ranking Member
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Babin and Ranking Member Lofgren,

On behalf of The Weather Company, I write to express our support for H.R. 5089, the Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2025. As a leading provider of weather forecasting services, we commend your leadership in advancing legislation that will modernize and strengthen the nation's weather enterprise.

The Weather Company is one of the largest consumer and commercial weather companies in the world. We have been repeatedly recognized as the world's most accurate weather forecaster, and our flagship brand — The Weather Channel® — is consistently ranked as the #1 most trusted news source in the U.S. For over 40 years, our mission has been to deliver vital and proven weather data and products that help individuals, businesses, and governments understand, anticipate, and respond to weather impacts — enabling smarter decisions and safeguarding lives, property, and public safety.

The U.S. has the world's best weather services, in large part through a long-standing, symbiotic relationship among the government, academic institutions, and the commercial weather industry. H.R. 5089 builds upon this established system by reauthorizing and expanding essential programs like the Commercial Data Program, while also ensuring the free and broad access to NOAA weather data — a critical underpinning for the efficacy of this system. H.R. 5089 thus fosters a highly collaborative environment within the weather community, ensuring that the best available science and technology are brought to bear in service of public safety and resilience.

We would also like to thank the sponsor of H.R. 5089, Representative Frank Lucas, and commend his longstanding leadership on weather policy in the House of Representatives.

We encourage members to support the H.R. 5089 and stand ready to work with Congress as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

David'Strauss General Counsel

The Weather Company