



November 6, 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,

Ocean Power Technologies strongly supports H.R. 6093, the Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2023. This legislation builds on important programs created in the Weather Act of 2017 with expansion and enhancements that will allow the commercial sector to better partner with federal agencies like the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Ocean Power Technologies is a pioneer in ocean-energy technology. Our sustainable power generation and data capabilities with low and low-to-no carbon solutions allow for smarter and faster actionable insights for ocean operations. We provide intelligent maritime solutions and services that enable safer and more productive ocean operations for both private and government partners. Ocean Power Technologies is a proud partner of NOAA and was recently awarded multiple contracts to revolutionize uncrewed maritime systems. Through this work, OPT will provide Uncrewed Maritime System Services to NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations Uncrewed Systems Operation Center to support surveys, research, and critical meteorological and oceanographic observations. OPT looks forward to continuing its strong partnership with NOAA and working more closely with the agency through the additional directives of this legislation.

Ocean Power Technologies applauds the Committee's continued support for our vital commercial industries and diligent work in crafting this reauthorization of the Weather Act. We look forward to further Congressional action taken on this legislation and support its passage.

Sincerely,

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Philipp Stratmann  
President & CEO  
Ocean Power Technologies