

November 3, 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 to you on behalf of Care Weather, which strongly supports H.R. 6093, the Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2023. This bipartisan bill builds on important commercial programs established in the Weather Act of 2017 that allow America's private weather industry to better partner with federal agencies and provide their expertise to aid government missions. Care Weather applauds the work of your Committee Members and staff in crafting legislation that brings greater opportunity for weather forecast improvement and collaboration with all enterprise partners.

The commercial data program supported by the Act is particularly crucial to fostering the growth of commercial weather data acquired from space. By positioning the government to serve as an early anchor tenant for nascent commercial space capabilities, the Act lays the groundwork for a robust capability for weather acquisitions from space, just as NASA's commercial cargo and commercial crew programs rejuvenated America's launch industry.

Care Weather is a Utah-based space company working to develop the next generation of weather satellites. Our data will provide agencies, such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), with critical gap-filling information that will improve weather forecasts and better protect lives and property. The provisions found in this legislation will give us the opportunity to collaborate with NOAA to make meaningful contributions with our federal partners.

Care Weather supports the work of the Committee and its staff, and looks forward to the passage of this vitally important legislation.

Sincerely,

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