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The Honorable Gabe Amo
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The Honorable Scott Franklin
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Dear Representatives Amo and Franklin:

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and our global community of more than half a million Earth and space scientists and allies, I write to thank you for crafting and introducing H.R.7896, the NOAA Global Ocean Monitoring and Observing Research Act, and to offer AGU's support for this important bill.

America's ability to forecast severe weather, prepare for coastal hazards, and understand long-term climate trends depends on consistent, high-quality ocean data. Without sustained global observation systems, these capabilities erode, leaving communities, emergency managers, and policymakers without the information they need to effectively prepare and respond.

We commend the bill's establishment of a research program for global ocean monitoring and observation. The legislation's support for both basic and applied research will encourage technological innovation and its emphasis on research accessibility will enable the scientific community and the public to fully benefit from these advancements.

AGU's membership has long been deeply immersed in ocean and weather science and understands the critical role of sustained, coordinated research in helping the public be resilient to natural hazards. We are pleased to support this legislation, which will strengthen the nation's understanding of our oceans and improve preparedness for severe weather.

Thank you for your continued leadership on this vital issue. AGU looks forward to working with you to advance this legislation and strengthen the nation's ocean monitoring and research efforts.

With best wishes,



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