

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 18, 2021

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
Science, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
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Dear Chair Shaheen and Ranking Member Moran,

As you consider the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we write to request \$6 million for the Regional Climate Centers (RCC) program under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This funding will provide each of the country's six RCCs the resources it needs to provide comprehensive up-to-date climate information to a wide range of stakeholders, including government agencies, farmers, water resource managers, businesses, emergency managers, and the public.

Since its authorization in 1978, the RCC program has been collecting and distributing raw climate data to meet the needs of its various partners. There are six Regional Climate Centers serving the entire country located in: Nevada, Nebraska, New York, Texas, North Carolina, and Indiana. Together, they coordinate services and products to support both national and regional priorities. For example, the High Plains and Midwest centers serve the needs of agricultural producers, while the Western Regional Climate Center focuses on drought and wildfire issues in the West. All six centers have extensive outreach operations to ensure that they serve all relevant stakeholders.

The demand for accurate climate information has skyrocketed and will only grow as we continue to grapple with the effects of climate change. Providing \$6 million for RCCs will enable them to help communities develop mitigation and resiliency strategies.

We thank you for your consideration of this request, and look forward to working with your staff on the FY2022 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,



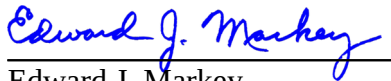
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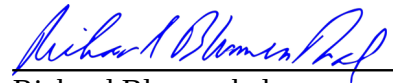
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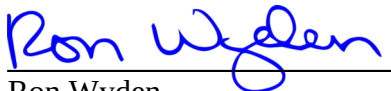
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