

TEMPLATE FOR CONSTITUENT/USER SUPPORT LETTERS:

[Contact your congressional representative](#) and send them a letter of support for IOOS and GLOS by **APRIL 24, 2025**.

- You can copy and paste the letter into [this form](#), for streamlined contact
- Let them know how important this public service is to you and your family and that **without it, lives could be lost**.

(copy and paste and fill in with personal information, to send to your representatives)

[DATE]

Dear [INSERT RECIPIENT],

I am writing in response to the disturbing news reported on April 11th about the Fiscal Year 2026 President's Budget for NOAA and specifically for the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) Regional Observations. This scenario would be devastating all around for NOAA, and the plans to defund IOOS, a program that brings efficiency and economic benefit to **[me / my organization / my industry / etc.]** of particular concern. Further, I have heard that NOAA is being instructed to implement these funding cuts and any associated reorganization this year, immediately harming maritime and coastal safety.

As a long-time user of the data provided by the Great Lakes Observing System (GLOS), a Regional Association of the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS), I implore you to ensure that IOOS and its regional observations are retained as a program in NOAA with a specific budget line that is adequately funded to meet the demands for information that supports safe and efficient maritime commerce, weather and hurricane forecasting, flooding, harmful algal bloom monitoring, and other safety related concerns.

[INSERT EXAMPLE(S) OF HOW YOU USE IOOS/GLOS DATA/PRODUCTS AND HOW IT BENEFITS YOU]

IOOS is a program with strong bipartisan support, as evidenced by the recent introduction of its reauthorization bill in the House. It is essential that you oppose any president's budget request or administration action that implements such a disastrous budgetary and programmatic scenario for NOAA and for IOOS Regional Observations.

Thank you.

[NAME]

[AFFILIATION, if appropriate]

[City, State]