[INSERT EMA / AGENCY / OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD]

[INSERT DATE]

Dear [ELECTED OFFICIAL],

I am writing to you today to express my strong support for funding for the National Weather Service (NWS) in the upcoming budget cycle. As the Emergency Manager for [YOUR COUNTY/CITY], I witness firsthand the critical role the NWS plays in protecting our community from the ever-increasing threats of severe weather events.

It is my job as the [YOUR COUNTY/CITY] emergency manager to plan and prepare for these dangerous weather events. The frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, such as floods, tornadoes, and wildfires, are on the rise, putting significant strain on our local resources and infrastructure. In this ever-changing landscape, accurate and timely weather forecasts are more crucial than ever.

The NWS serves as the backbone of our preparedness efforts. Their dedicated professionals provide life-saving forecasts, warnings, and advisories that enable us to make informed decisions, activate emergency response plans, and issue public safety warnings. However, the NWS is facing significant challenges due to the significant funding cuts in the FY24 budget. Outdated technology, staffing shortages, and limited research capabilities are hindering their ability to fulfill their vital mission.

Specifically, I urge you to support increased funding for the NWS. Restore the effective $45M in cuts from the FY24 budget and look to increase agency funding with an additional $40 million for the FY25 budget. This increased funding level is crucial to provide me with the critical services that keep our community safe. This funding will go to the NWS meteorologists, technicians, and researchers that work 24/7 to provide me with the latest, most accurate, and reliable weather products.

[INSERT A PERSONAL STORY OF HOW THE NWS HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT PARTNER WHEN A WEATHER EVENT HAS IMPACTED YOUR COMMUNITY]

Investing in the NWS is not just a cost, it's an investment in the safety and well-being of our citizens. Accurate forecasts and timely warnings save lives, prevent property damage, and minimize economic disruptions. Proper funding will enable the NWS to continue providing the exceptional service our communities rely on and allow them to adapt to the evolving challenges of the future.

I implore you to prioritize the critical needs of the NWS in the upcoming budget discussions. Your support will directly impact the preparedness and resilience of communities across the nation, including [YOUR COUNTY/CITY].

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR TITLE]

[YOUR COUNTY/CITY]