

## COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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The Honorable Olin E. Teague, Chairman Committee on Science and Technology House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in reference to your February 2, 1977, request for our views and recommendations on H.R. 522, 95th Congress. This bill would authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to conduct research and development programs to increase knowledge of tornadoes, hurricanes, large thunderstorms, and other types of short-term weather phenomena, and to develop methods for predicting, detecting, and monitoring such atmospheric behavior.

H.R. 522 is identical to H.R. 1027, 94th Congress and H.R. 9811, 93rd Congress. Enclosed is a copy of our September 30, 1975, letter to you which provided comments on H.R. 1027.

Our views on H.R. 1027 are applicable also to H.R. 522. Please advise us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

f Deputy Comptroller General of the United States

Enclosure