



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**Chief Financial Officer and**  
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Washington, D.C. 20230

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

Dear Madam Chair:

Enclosed is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) *Report to Congress: Report on Requirements of NOAA's Next-Generation Satellites*.

This report is required by the Joint Explanatory Statement to accompany Public Law 117-103, Division B – Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022, which states: *No later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, NESDIS shall provide the Committees with a report about the user needs and requirements and estimated lifecycle costs of the next generation of NOAA flagship weather satellites, including GeoXO, LEO Weather Satellites, and SW Next.*

This report provides information on the user needs, requirements, and when estimated lifecycle costs will be available for NOAA's next-generation satellites, including GeoXO, LEO Weather Satellites, and SW Next.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 482-3709. Thank you for your continued support of the Department of Commerce and its programs.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Kunze  
Deputy Chief Financial Officer

Enclosure