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To prohibit the closure of certain National Weather Service weather stations until concerns of the Comptroller General about the National Weather Service modernization effort are addressed.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the Comptroller General has designated the
6 modernization effort of the National Weather Serv-
7 ice under the Weather Service Modernization Act as
8 a high-risk program;

1 (2) the Comptroller General has reported that
2 savings proposed by the National Weather Service at
3 the start of the modernization effort described in
4 paragraph (1) are no longer achievable; and

5 (3) in spite of repeated requests by the Comp-
6 troller General, the concerns of the Comptroller Gen-
7 eral about the Automated Surface Observing System
8 systems architecture have not been addressed.

9 **SEC. 2. WEATHER STATION CLOSURES.**

10 (a) PROHIBITION.—No National Weather Service
11 weather station certified for closure under the Weather
12 Service Modernization Act after July 1, 1998, shall be
13 closed unless the Comptroller General has removed the
14 modernization effort described in section 1(1) from the
15 high-risk program category.

16 (b) REOPENING.—A weather station certified for clo-
17 sure under the Weather Service Modernization Act after
18 July 1, 1998, which has been closed before the date of
19 the enactment of this Act shall, if possible, be reopened
20 and staffed at levels in existence before closure, unless the
21 Comptroller General has removed the modernization effort
22 described in section 1(1) from the high-risk program cat-
23 egory.

24 (c) RECERTIFICATION.—If the Comptroller General
25 has removed the modernization effort described in section

1 1(1) from the high-risk program category, a weather sta-
2 tion described in subsection (a) or (b) may not be closed
3 unless a new certification is made under the Weather
4 Service Modernization Act after such removal.

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