

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

July 29, 2025

Ms. Laura Grimm
Acting Administrator
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Ms. Grimm:

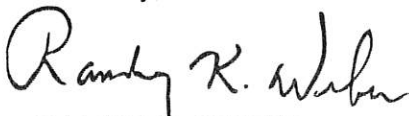
I am writing to express my serious concern regarding the continued outage of the National Weather Radio (NWR) transmitter in Galveston, Texas. On March 25, 2025, the facility housing this transmitter was severely damaged by a fire and the transmitter has remained offline since. For 126 days, my constituents have not had access to KHB40, the service that provides advanced warning and real-time information during severe weather events. Alarming, 58 of these days have fallen within this hurricane season, a period of heightened risk for our coastal communities. Let me emphasize—time is not on our side as these storms can strike at any time.

As of today, the National Weather Service's outage tracker states that there is no estimated time for a return to service. I have been informed by your staff that there are efforts to install a temporary transmitter pending a structural analysis which is welcome news. However, the timeline for deploying the temporary transmitter remains unclear, as does the schedule for restoring the permanent transmitter.

The Galveston County Office of Emergency Management's official guidance for residents is to have hurricane preparedness kits that include a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert. Yet, with the transmitter offline, these radios cannot fulfill their life-saving purpose. While I recognize that weather updates are available through other platforms, power and internet outages during storms can render those alternatives inaccessible.

I am ready to assist in any way possible in restoring this transmitter to service. However, I need to have the most current information to do so effectively. I respectfully request a response by August 15, 2025, with information regarding the current status of the transmitter, actions taken toward restoration, and an estimated date for its return to service.

Sincerely,



RANDY K. WEBER
United States Representative