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Julio M. Morell
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Dear Morell:

On behalf of Telemundo of Puerto Rico News Department, I write to endorse the valuable data and services provided by the CARICOOS, part of the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS).

On a daily basis our weather segments includes marine forecast, the data from CARICOOS prove to be invaluable from the real time wave heights and wind speed information from the buoys to the wave breakers forecast models. Without a doubt this information already saved life and property even outside the emergency situations like hurricane season or north swell events when the service became crucial. In our opinion, not only the service that CARICOOS give to the community should be sustained, but also should be expanded with more buoys and sensors all over the islands.

I understand that CARICOOS is funded primarily by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in addition to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands and various industry partners. Sustained funding for CARICOOS will be crucial to the maintenance of the program's observing networks and to the continuity of the important data products and services that these observations enable.

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Roberto Cortés

Roberto Cortés
Telemundo of Puerto Rico
Lead Weathercaster