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**From:** Welch, Emily  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 11:03 AM  
**To:** Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal  
**Subject:** RE: CNN - Jake Tapper request

Chris,

Thanks for the heads up! We're looking for any former or current administrator who can weigh in on the latest NOAA/Wilbur Ross details. Louis Uccellini would be great as well. I'm not sure if you're the best POC for reaching out to these folks?

Thank you!

Emily

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Hi Emily-

Thanks for reaching out. Please contact DOC Public Affairs for additional comment ([PublicAffairs@doc.gov](mailto:PublicAffairs@doc.gov)).

Also, Dr. Knabb was succeeded by Ken Graham as the director of NOAA's National Hurricane Center in April 2018.

-Chris

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Hi Dennis,

I wanted to see if Dr. Richard Knabb might be available to join Jake Tapper in the 4p ET hour on CNN today regarding the latest news that Commerce Chief Wilbur Ross threatened to fire senior NOAA employees after their Birmingham office contradicted President Trump's claim that Dorian might hit Alabama.

We're hoping to lead with this story today and wanted to see if Dr. Knabb is in a position, or interested, in weighing in.

Thank you!

Emily Welch

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