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**From:** Susan Buchanan - NOAA Federal  
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**To:** Scott Smullen; Christopher Vaccaro  
**Subject:** For CWG

NWS leadership cleared this:

"The NWS leadership team stands with the entire National Weather Service workforce and will continue to uphold the scientific integrity of the forecast process as it was skillfully applied by all NWS offices last week to ensure public safety first and foremost."

Andrew - I'd also like to directly address with you a couple of inaccuracies that the CWG continues to perpetuate:

1. The guidance that NWS leadership sent to the workforce about not engaging in social media debates during Hurricane Dorian had nothing to do with "not angering the president" as you keep reporting. Before your last published article on this topic, you asked me for a response and I told you, "NWS leadership sent this guidance to field staff so they (and the entire agency) could maintain operational focus on Dorian and other severe weather hazards without distraction." The guidance was in no way political, yet CWG continues to talk about it within context of not angering the president. I am asking you to stop this inaccurate reporting.
2. The Birmingham office issued their tweet in response to a large amount of partner and public inquiries they were receiving about potential impacts to Alabama. At the time the Birmingham tweet was issued, the staff there was unaware of the POTUS tweet about Alabama, and so they were not responding directly to him. Please discontinue stating that BMX corrected the president, because it is untrue.

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