

## Julie Roberts - NOAA Federal

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**From:** Julie Roberts - NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2019 12:41 PM  
**To:** Christopher Vaccaro - NOAA Federal  
**Subject:** FW: Seeking comment on NOAA involvement in Hurricane Dorian forecast controversy--URGENT DEADLINE

Kindest regards,  
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“You can tell a lot about a fellow’s character by his way of eating jelly beans.” President Ronald Reagan

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Julie,

In connection with an upcoming piece, I would like to know if NOAA has issued any clarifications of the role of Acting Director Jacobs in the issuance of statements regarding President Trump’s characterization of the storm threats from Hurricane Dorian.

I would also like an agency response to concerns expressed in the weather community that Director Jacobs may have a conflict of interest in the agency’s development of next generation weather forecasting models, given his prior work in the private sector, and whether he has specifically recused himself from that work.

I can be reached b return email or at 562-252-1518.

Best regards,

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