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To Chris Maier, Susan Buchanan and John Sokich:

I am writing to express how appalling it is that NOAA decided to put ingratiating the organization with our current president above standing behind the facts when it came to the question of whether Dorian represented a significant threat to the state of Alabama.

I always thought that when it came to the weather, NOAA would provide us with accurate, fact-based, non-biased information. Pandering to a president who had more than doubled-down on his mistaken claim that Alabama would be hit hard by Dorian was a disgraceful choice. None of the data at the time supported the president's foolish claim. It is shocking to me that NOAA would compromise the integrity of its mission to lie about the danger Dorian posed to Alabama in order to help a narcissistic president avoid admitting publicly that what he said about the threat to that state was in error.

I read that providing false or misleading weather information to the public is a crime punishable by 90 days in prison. I can't help wondering if those who are tasked with protecting the president from himself reached out to NOAA requesting a statement supporting his false claim. A statement from NOAA "verifying" the president's claim would go a long way toward protecting him against being charged with the crime of providing the public with false weather information. Thanks to NOAA, any charges brought against the president for his irresponsible refusal to admit that he gave inaccurate information about a dangerous hurricane to the American public would never hold up in court.

It is deeply disturbing that NOAA put accurate weather reporting behind winning political favor in publicly refuting the very responsible, non-partisan statement issued by the NOAA's Alabama office.

In choosing to help the president seem like less of an idiot, NOAA itself committed the crime of false reporting about the weather. Why should the American public trust anything you report from now on? Clearly the truth about the weather is now a subjective thing, easily influenced by those with power. You have shown us that this president's daily use of "alternate facts" to make himself look good is something you have no problem getting on board with, at the expense of your integrity.

Congratulations on your new image. NOAA is now the Fox News of the worldwide weather forecasting community.

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