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Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 2:42 PM
To: Scott Smullen; Keli Pirtle - NOAA Federal
Subject: Fwd: CNN / Cuomo Prime: Craig McLean (Tonight, 9-10P ET)

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From: **Gaiimo, Melissa** <Melissa.Gaiimo@cnn.com>
Date: Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 11:49 AM
Subject: RE: CNN / Cuomo Prime: Craig McLean (Tonight, 9-10P ET)
To: Craig McLean - NOAA Federal <craig.mclean@noaa.gov>
Cc: Scott Smullen <scott.smullen@noaa.gov>

Thank you so much for taking the time to reply, Craig. Beyond your message to employees, there is also great interest from the public, which relies on NOAA for accurate scientific data.

Would you consider a TV interview?

From: Craig McLean - NOAA Federal <craig.mclean@noaa.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 11:47 AM
To: Gaiimo, Melissa <Melissa.Gaiimo@cnn.com>
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Thank you, Melissa.

I truly appreciate your interest. I am confident that what I expressed in my message to our employees captures what I wanted our employees to hear.

Best wishes,

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On Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 11:31 AM Gaiimo, Melissa <Melissa.Gaiimo@cnn.com> wrote:

Hi Craig,

I spoke to your lovely wife Joanne this morning. I'm reaching out in response to Washington Post reporting that you sent an e-mail to NOAA staff about "potential violations of our NOAA Administrative Order on Scientific Integrity."

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/weather/2019/09/09/noaas-chief-scientist-will-investigate-why-agency-backed-trump-over-its-experts-dorian-email-shows/>

We would like to invite you to join us for an interview on "Cuomo Prime Time" to speak in your own words about the role of the NOAA, the agency's response, and the importance of maintaining public trust. We are live 9-10P ET and are the #1 show on CNN.

<http://cnnpressroom.blogs.cnn.com/2019/08/27/cnn-is-1-in-prime-time-in-august-in-key-demo-25-54/>

I understand no doubt that you are receiving numerous requests and that this is likely a trying time. I would be happy to speak with you off-the-record about any questions you may have. My direct contact is below.

Should you choose to do an interview, I'm confident that Chris Cuomo would be an excellent fit.

Kind Regards,

Melissa



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