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(Please forward as appropriate)

Public safety takes priority over politics. Your forecaster did the right thing. Your forecaster did what needed to be done and should be commended, not rebuked.

The President did the wrong thing. In the middle of an emergency, he recklessly gave inaccurate and alarming information. (It was actually false, not just outdated, because he said it was based on *newer* information than the official forecast, "Alabama will most likely be hit much harder *than anticipated*," and later "This just came up, unfortunately.")

It needed to be countered with correct information. It needed to be countered immediately And it needed to be countered with something just as clear and simple as the inaccurate statement. It was not a suitable time for technical nuances and cones of uncertainty.

Forecasters should *never* fear criticism when acting properly in support of NWS's mission, to provide "forecasts and warnings for the protection of life and property."