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From: Svebakken, Hans
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 12:58 PM
To: craig.mclean@noaa.gov
Subject: Why Did Your Agency Rebuke NWS Birmingham?
Importance: High

Dear Mr. McLean:

I am not a partisan Democrat. I am a politically independent, traditionally minded American citizen from the Midwest who works in higher education. I support science, sanity, and sincerity. (I love NWS Chicago and use their site regularly.)

I am shocked and indignant at your organization's (in my opinion) obsequious, politically motivated support of Donald Trump's narcissism. Why did you rebuke NWS Birmingham when they responded properly to false claims of danger for Alabama from the President?

Honest questions: How can the American public trust you anymore to tell us the truth, when you're willing to bend the truth to appease a politician with a fragile ego? If the President made a false claim about a record high temperature in D.C, and told your agency to issue a statement in agreement with him, would you do it? Would your agency obey a directive from President Trump to downplay a weather threat to one of his resorts because he didn't want to lose business? I sadly cannot now say with confidence that I believe NOAA would resist the political pressure and speak the truth.

Please, I implore you, do not let this decision stand. I appreciate your thorough investigation of this matter. Decent Americans are counting on you! Please do not let NOAA become a political tool of Donald Trump. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hans Svebakken