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From: Bergman, Kenneth
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 11:01 PM
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Subject: hang your head in shame: you are a disgrace to American Science!

Dr. Jacobs,

Your agency's recent surrender to Donald Trump's anti-scientific, anti-fact, anti-integrity campaign with regard to hurricane forecasting is an insult to all who value and depend upon American science and to all who treasure the independent critical thought and speech that are the essential core of natural science.

The entire leadership of your agency should either publicly rebuke Mr. Trump and re-assert the primacy of facts and objectivity to the scientific enterprise or all of you should resign simultaneously *en masse*.

Your agency's capitulation is shameful and disgraceful. I never thought I'd live to see a moment like this. I've always been proud to be a scientist, but now I fear that it will take years to rebuild the credibility of the federal science establishment. Fortunately, I am now retired and will not have to try to explain NOAA's bizarre actions to any young future scientists.

I can't imagine that you can sleep at night these days or appear before any scientific organization without feelings of guilt and a desire to atone for this act of deep betrayal.

Those are just some of my more temperate thoughts about NOAA and its loss of integrity.

Sincerely,
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