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**From:** Kari I Gunderson  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 7, 2019 11:13 AM  
**To:** neil.jacobs@noaa.gov  
**Subject:** Bowing to political pressure

Dear Mr. Jacobs,

As a scientist I am writing to express my deep disappointment in NOAA bowing to political pressure from the Trump regime. I used to respect NOAA, now I don't.

The Weather Service's mission is to protect life and property. By releasing the statement admonishing the agency for an accurate forecast, NOAA may be seen as putting politics before facts. This could undermine forecasters' ability to carry out their mission to the point where people may come to see its weather forecasts as political and untrustworthy.

It is obviously a phony statement to cover Mr. Trump's insecurities of WRONGLY including Alabama in the path of Hurricane Dorian when it wasn't. This is illegal and the agency you lead has lost considerable credibility. It is wrong to intimidate the NOAA Birmingham field office using intimidation to publicly reprimand an office for doing the right thing. The Alabama NOAA people did their job with honor and honesty which is more than I can say for the Trump administration.

As you well know, altering official government weather forecasts is illegal. Per 18 US Code 2074, which addresses false weather reports "Whoever knowingly issues or publishes any counterfeit weather forecast or warning of weather conditions falsely representing such forecast or warning to have been issued or published by the Weather Bureau, US Signal Service, or other branch of Government service, shall be fined under user this title or imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both."

In closing, as a taxpayer who funds your organization I am asking you to put objective science ahead of political correctness from the current corrupt and dangerous administration.

Thank for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kari Gunderson, PhD.