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Subject: Grossly Inappropriate action by NOAA leadership

Ms. Roberts,

I am extremely disappointed in the cowardly and unprofessional behavior of NOAA Leadership in sending out an unsigned 'Statement attributable to a NOAA Spokesperson' late on Friday, September 6th, 2019. Your public criticism of the actions of the NWS Birmingham, AL office regarding their Sunday morning tweet shows a gross lack of professionalism and clear subservience to political direction from the highest levels of the federal government.

Shame on you personally, as the Director of the NOAA Communications office, for your involvement with this atrocious behavior and shame on you for not standing up for the employees of the National Weather Service.

The National Weather Service office in Birmingham, AL should be recognized for great public service during Hurricane Dorian in correcting a serious public scare caused by an incautious Tweet from the President.

Your actions are the antithesis of both science and service, and have no useful role to play in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

I seriously recommend that you apologize for your inappropriate actions, and then step down from a position that you clearly are not capable of handling.

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