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Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 8:10 PM
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Subject: Regarding your call to NOAA

Dear Secretary Ross,

As a citizen and scientist in this country, I am writing with grave concern about the reports that you threatened to fire NOAA political appointees if they did not fix the issue regarding the hurricane Dorian map that President Trump has been showing that included Alabama.

The National Weather Service must maintain standards of scientific integrity. The American population relies on the NWS' ability to communicate accurate and timely weather warnings and data to the nation in times of national emergency. They MUST maintain scientific independence. This country relies on it. May I also remind you of the law regarding the agency's duty to provide quality information, Section 515 of Public Law 106-554.

If you had any role in the NOAA agency reversing course, and broadcasting false information would be considered inexcusable by the American people. I, and my fellow Americans, see an act like this as extremely unpatriotic as it denigrates our country in the eyes of the world.

If you served the needs of a petty mythomaniac over the country in this way not only denigrates your personal legacy, but it speaks volumes about where our country is at the moment--in the toilet.

As a patriotic citizen, I have decided to write to you to tell you that this behavior cannot go on in this country and I urge you to step down from your cabinet position. You have disgraced our country. Please resign immediately. You are the tyranny our founding fathers was trying to protect us from.

If you did not do what is being reported, then come out and explain yourself and try to prove it. Defend your honor.

Sue Roth

Section 515 of Public Law 106-554, the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001, directs the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue government-wide guidelines that "provide policy and procedural guidance to Federal agencies for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information (including statistical information) disseminated by Federal agencies." The OMB guidelines require that agencies subject to the OMB guidelines must establish administrative mechanisms allowing affected persons to seek and obtain correction of information maintained and disseminated by the agency that does not comply with the OMB guidelines or the agency guidelines. The OMB final guidelines were published in the Federal Register on February 22, 2002. Those guidelines direct that, by October 1, 2002, agencies publish their information quality guidelines.

The Department of Commerce published its draft guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of disseminated information on its Internet Web site on May 1, 2002 and in

the Federal Register on May 3, 2002 (67 FR 22398). The Department of Commerce's response to the comments received is included in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

This document implements section 515 for the Department of Commerce and defines the Department of Commerce's information quality guidelines. It may be revised periodically, based on experience, evolving requirements in the Department of Commerce, and concerns expressed by the public.