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Former NOAA chief Jane Lubchenco, former NWS chief Joe Friday, former hurricane center chief Bill Read and former NOAA operations chief David Titley have all criticized the Friday later afternoon noaa statement on Alabama and Dorian and the Birmingham office's tweet. They say it undermines both morale and NOAA credibility and could end up risking lives. They say it is politics over science. Any response? Was this the White House's idea or NOAA's? Who wrote the communication and why was it unsigned? A story is now out on the wire. We would like your response but it will be there regardless. And some of the statements about NOAA leadership \_ moral cowardice is what David Titley called \_ are pretty damning. Any response?

Thank you,

Seth

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