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Joshua Wurman (JW), the Center for Severe Weather Research (CSWR) and the Doppler On Wheels (DOW) program have no relationship with Tornado Attack LLC (TA) and do not endorse or support TA's efforts to drive into tornadoes.

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JW and CSWR disavow any statements issued in TA's press releases or world wide web pages implying JW's or CSWR's participation in, or endorsement, of TA's plans to drive into tornadoes.

JW and CSWR never authorized any press releases by TA and specifically requested that references to JW, CSWR, and DOWs be removed from the world wide web site prior to its public release.

JW and CSWR consider that driving into a tornado, even in the most ruggedized of vehicles, would be reckless except under the most constrained circumstances, which would include, at a minimum, rapidly updated near-real-time wind mapping of near-ground peak wind speeds by high resolution DOW-like radar or other technology to provide confidence that wind speeds were below safety thresholds. JW and CSWR consider that it is not possible to determine reliably wind speeds in a tornado from visual observations. The consequences of this recklessness may extend beyond the operators of such vehicles since the vehicles, or portions thereof, may harm other people, vehicles, or structures if damaged, pushed, or thrown by a tornado.

JW and CSWR consider that launching rockets, airborne probes, airborne cameras, or similar devices into tornadoes is reckless, risking harm to people, unless conducted under the most strongly constrained circumstances, circumstances of which JW and CSWR cannot currently conceive.

JW and CSWR see little scientific benefit to the collection of in situ measurements in tornadoes by tornado-penetrating vehicles that do not operate under a coordinated radar umbrella providing context for these measurements. The mere act of collecting data in or near a tornado does not cause that data to be useful scientifically. The potentially substantial risks to participants and bystanders of such an endeavor are not justified by scientific benefit.

JW and CSWR note that the collection of accurate static pressure and other measurements in an environment characterized by intense and rapidly changing wind is fraught with difficulties and that much expert care must be taken or these measurements will be very inaccurate. Pressure measurements, in particular, are subject to dynamic pressure effects, potentially resulting in erroneously low measurements.

JW and CSWR urge that the news and documentary media exercise prudence when providing a stage and forum for efforts that are self described as “daredevil” in character, but may, in fact, be reckless and irresponsible to the participants and others.

JW and CSWR had conducted discussions with TA concerning whether TA’s planned effort could be severely constrained both logistically and financially so as to guarantee compliance with highly restrictive safety procedures as part of a plan to work with the DOW program. JW and CSWR were not able to reach an agreement with TA.