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UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: Here's the AccuWeather seven-day forecast.

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GREENFIELDBOYCE: Accuweather is a company based in central Pennsylvania, and it's a family business. The CEO is Barry Myers. He and his two brothers have built the company. Now their relatives work there. Now Myers wants to be head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which runs the National Weather Service. But some see a huge, unavoidable conflict of interest. Andrew Rosenberg is with the Union of Concerned Scientists.

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ANDREW ROSENBERG: I don't think it's appropriate that he lead the federal agency that will directly impact his business model.

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GREENFIELDBOYCE: That concern is shared by the National Weather Service Employees Organization. Its president is Dan Sobien. He says, **back in 2005**, AccuWeather was pushing legislation that disturbed them.

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DAN SOBIEN: They essentially wanted the National Weather Service to get out of the weather business.

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GREENFIELDBOYCE: Under the effort, which failed, the government wouldn't have been able to share routine forecasts and data with the public - only with commercial companies like AccuWeather.

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GREENFIELDBOYCE: But the AccuWeather connection doesn't really bother Cliff Mass. He's a professor of atmospheric sciences at the University of Washington.

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CLIFF MASS: I'm not that worried. I mean, I think he's a pretty fair guy.

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