



July 13, 2026

The Honorable Russell Vought
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th St, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Re: OMB-2026-0034, Proposed Revisions to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards

Submitted electronically via regulations.gov July 13, 2026

Dear Director Vought:

On behalf of the over 7,200 physician and medical student members of the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO), I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) concerning the Uniform Guidance governing federal grants.

The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO), founded in 1824, is the region's professional medical association and the oldest professional association in Ohio. We are a non-profit 501(c)6 representing physicians and medical students from all the contiguous counties in Northern Ohio. We are proud to be the voice of medicine of Cleveland's past, present and future.

We wish to echo the sentiments of the American Medical Association (AMA) and other medical societies in strongly opposing the revisions under consideration. Peer review is vital for scientific integrity, ensuring the validity of science for the protection of patients. The high ethical and quality standards of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval and monitoring of research studies should continue to be the standard to protect patient privacy, safety and ensure

high quality research.

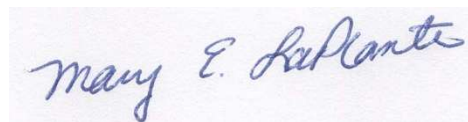
Any individual, group or institution that desires to do scientific research should be judged on the quality of the research and not by factors that do not evaluate the validity or quality of the research. New researchers should be encouraged and supported to build a future of valid scientific research.

No study should be discontinued before completion in the absence of a legitimate scientific reason. Doing so puts study participants at risk with potential for harm. Scientists should be held accountable for protecting the safety of the patient and high-quality research knowing the study can be completed without fear of loss of funding without cause. Collaboration with international scientific communities strengthens our ability to perform good science for the advancement of healthcare, it is a relationship based on trust.

As the AMA stated in their comment letter, federal investment in these areas has delivered extraordinary returns to the American people—driving scientific breakthroughs, improved health outcomes, economic growth, and sustained global leadership in biomedical innovation. We fear these revisions will put future scientific breakthroughs at risk.

We appreciate the Administration's commitment to ensuring that federal grant dollars are well spent, rigorously reviewed, and directed to the research and programs most likely to deliver measurable benefits for the American people, however as written these revisions undermine the quality and transparency requirements that are essential to protecting the integrity of medical research, and the independence science must have from outside influence. We thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary E. LaPlante". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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President
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