

Resources to mobilize against the OMB Proposed Rule (OMB-2026-0034)

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The federal Office of Management and Budget [has proposed a sweeping rule](#), “Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance,” that would impact the integrity of the nation’s federally funded research infrastructure, including replacing peer review with political ideology and scientific inquiry and exchange with censorship. As the Society shapes our organizational response, we want to share some of the many resources from partners and community members who are mobilizing actions against the proposed rule.

This rule is not final, and is open for a public comment until July 13:

- Read the full text of [the proposed rule](#)
- Submit your comment by July 13: click on the “Comment” box on [this portal page](#)

What is in the proposed rule?

- Elizabeth Ginexi, PhD’s summaries of [key provisions in the proposed rule](#)
- Defend Public Health’s summary of [key section numbers to cite](#)
- Federation of American Scientists: [This proposed rule could change American science forever. We read it so you don’t have to](#)

Public comment periods: what are they and why are they important?

- Best practices from the [Public Comment Project](#)
- [Public comments 101: How to translate science into impact](#) from University of California, San Francisco’s Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies

Drafting your public comments: write impactful comments that are unique, specific, and demonstrate harm

- Defend Public Health’s summary of [key section numbers to cite, guide to commenting](#), and slide presentation, [What university faculty and staff need to know - and do](#)
- Stand up for Science’s [Guide to writing public comments](#)
- Elizabeth Ginexi, PhD highlights key points for different commenters to make: [Who should comment and what they should say](#)

Other actions to take:

- [AcademyHealth's Situation Report](#), in addition to its analysis, includes template language for scholars to engage their institutions in the comment process
- [How to talk to anyone about OMB-2026-0034](#) from Stand up for Science
- Engage local media using [Science Homecoming](#)'s map of local newsrooms and sample language for contacting editors about placing an opinion piece
- Defend Public Health has a form to [email your Member of Congress](#)

News and Commentary:

- Science: [Another red alert for American science](#)
- New England Journal of Medicine: [The OMB and the politicization of science](#)
- MedPage Today: [New rule would politicize grant decisions, scientists say](#)