

## [Full OMB proposal 2026-0034](#)

### Comment on the OMB Rule: ***Must be submitted by July 13, 2026***

The expertise of our faculty and trainees in the methods, the evidence, and the real-world stakes of federally funded research is precisely what this comment process needs

[Government site for posting comment.](#)

Must include:

- 5000 character limit per comment, but you can attach a written statement, or you can write multiple comments, as long as they are unique and different points.
- Explain your concerns by section number - must include section number!
- State what you want the OMB to do (don't pass the provision/don't finalize the rule)
- Personalized comments are most effective
- You can post anonymously, but including a contact email will help you follow the response to your commentary, which must legally be addressed by OMB.

Alternative [easier submission site](#) provided by Stand Up for Science (SUFS).

Specific aspects with potential for great impact on Monte Einstein with section:

- Active Grants Can Be Terminated at Any Time, for Any Reason (§200.340)
- Broad Prohibition on International Scientific Collaboration (§200.220)
- Applicants Can Be Denied Based on Organizational "Affiliations" (§200.206)
- Conference Attendance Now Requires Express Agency Pre-Approval (§200.432)
- Program Goals Must "Align with Administration Policies and Priorities" (§200.202)

There is an [open letter from ResearchAmerica!](#) advocating to extend the comment period, but this was submitted as of June 12, 2026. We recommend commenting before the current deadline of 11:59p 7/13/26.

### Press about the OMB rule:

[New York Times](#)

[STAT News](#)

Summaries from Elizabeth Ginexi's (Former NIH Scientific PO) Substack:

- [Most relevant to academic researchers](#)
- [Why scientists should care and how to comment, with examples](#)
- [Why non-scientists should care and how to comment](#)

Templates from people and groups that have already submitted: [Elizabeth Ginexi](#), [Stand Up For Science](#), [APLU summary letter](#) that makes note of many of the issues by section

### Webinars about the rule

[Stand up for Science Emergency Webinar](#) (62 minutes): Includes perspectives from lawmakers, scientists, former program officers from NIH and NOAA. Will pump you up.

Stand up for Science [take action site](#): Includes links to submit a comment or contact your representatives

[Defending Public Health webinar](#) on how to tell a good story about your science to a broad audience

And [their June 16 webinar](#) (59min, passcode: Vj^8\*2.9) with [slides](#) on how to prep a comment with Elizabeth Ginexi and Robert Weissman

[Research America Webinar](#) (65min) from June 17<sup>th</sup> on how to write a comment – high yield and useful for writing! And [Research America Resource Sheet](#) for preparing your comment

[Einstein Dean's Office Resource Sheet](#) instructions and template for preparing your comment

## Get in touch with your local, state and national representatives:

Express your needs related to the budget for HHS, which includes NIH, NSF, and CDC. You can also contact the staffers of the LHHS and appropriations committees directly (the FY27 budget is in the works as of the first week of June). Let them know about this proposal and the problems you see with it so they can appreciate the issue

[House of Representatives](#)

[Senate](#)

[New York State](#)

[NYC Local Reps](#)

## Keep yourself informed

There is a barrage of information, and it is hard for even the standard news sources to keep on top of it. Consider signing up for the weekly newsletters from Research America, Stand up for Science, or 27uNIHted for information specific to our science and research interests.

## Other actions we are keeping an eye on:

[Proposal to Cap the Number of Simultaneous Research Project Grants per Principal Investigator](#)

-The NIH is proposing capping the number of simultaneous research projects for each PI at 2-4 grants

-This could have large implications on PI's ability to reach independence and support their salaries with NIH dollars

-Could potentially add extra stress on institutions to cover that gap

Comment period is open until **August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026** [here](#).

Potential defunding of the National Institute of Disability, Independent living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) as well as the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)