

June 4, 2026

The Honorable Russell Vought
Director, Office of Management and Budget
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Request for 60-Day Extension of Comment Period — Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance (Docket OMB-2026-0034)

Dear Director Vought:

On behalf of the Endocrine Society, the world's oldest, largest, and most active organization devoted to research on hormones and the clinical practice of endocrinology, I write to respectfully request a 60-day extension of the public comment period for the proposed Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance (Docket OMB-2026-0034), published in the Federal Register on May 29, 2026. The comment period is currently set to close on July 13, 2026 — just 45 days after publication.

Our 18,000 members include scientists, educators, healthcare professionals, and students, many of whom rely on federal grants to conduct critical work to advance public health and our fundamental understanding of endocrinology through scientific research. Our members are therefore directly and materially affected by the proposed revisions to this proposed rule and care deeply that the federal system for supporting research is conducted with the highest integrity, efficiency, and effectiveness so that cures are found, our country is a leader in research, and the nation is stronger, safer, and healthier.

The proposed rule is extraordinarily broad and complex; a 45-day window is an unusually short time period for such wide-ranging changes, particularly given that OMB proposes a final rule effective October 1, 2026.

The Endocrine Society respectfully requests a 60-day extension to allow a more thorough evaluation of the proposal and potential effects on our members and their work. This extension would:

- Allow scientific and medical professional societies, as well as other stakeholders, to have adequate time to review the full 412-page proposal;



- Ensure that OMB receives substantive, high-quality comments that meaningfully inform the final rule; and
- Reflect the scope and consequence of a rulemaking that will govern every federal grant and cooperative agreement across every agency for years to come.

I urge you to extend the comment period and welcome the opportunity to engage further on the implications of this proposed rule for the patient community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol A. Lange". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Carol A. Lange, PhD
President, Endocrine Society