



June 8, 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)

Director Vought,

On behalf of the Society for Neuroscience (SfN), the world's largest organization of scientists and physicians devoted to understanding the brain and central nervous system, I write to respectfully request a 60-day extension (until September 11, 2026) 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, which is insufficient to properly evaluate a proposal of this scope and significance.

Representing individual neuroscientists and research institutions, many of SfN's members stand to be directly affected by these proposed changes. SfN members conduct and support federally funded research that advances scientific knowledge, public health, national competitiveness, and more. The proposed revisions would have far-reaching implications for both the conduct of research and the administrative infrastructure that supports it.

The unusual breadth and complexity of the proposed rule makes adequate time for comment even more essential for neuroscientists and other stakeholders to conduct meaningful analysis and provide data-driven feedback to the proposal. An extension supports a more complete administrative record and enables stakeholders to offer thorough, evidence-based comments—allowing for high-quality feedback to inform the final rule.

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. Please contact SfN's Director of Advocacy and Training, Adam Katz, at [akatz@sfn.org](mailto:akatz@sfn.org) with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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