

June 16, 2026

Honorable Russell Vought  
Director, US Office of Management and Budget

**RE: 45-day Extension Request for Responses to Federal Register Notice 2026-10817 (91 FR 32198): Regulation Codifying Policies on Federal Financial Assistance**

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Dear Director Vought:

I respectfully write on behalf of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) to **request a minimum of a 45-day extension for responses to the Federal Register Notice 2026-10817 (91 FR 32198): Regulation Codifying Policies on Federal Financial Assistance.**

We request the extension of these proposed changes due to their volume and substantial potential for broad impact on Federal administrative practices and recipients of Federal financial assistance. A 45-day extension to the existing comment period would ensure that members of the public may thoroughly comply with the OMB's request for comment.

GSA's mission is to foster excellence, innovation, and collaboration to advance aging research, education, practice, and policy. We envision meaningful lives as we age. GSA's 6,000 members include gerontologists, health professionals, behavioral & social scientists, biologists, demographers, economists, and many other disciplines. These experts study all facets of aging with a life-course orientation. The multidisciplinary nature of the GSA membership is a valued strength, enabling the Society to provide a rich perspective on the issues facing our population as we age. A large portion of our membership is either directly or indirectly engaged with federally funded research. They are diligently working to improve the well-being of all of us as we age in ways that align with the Administration's interests and priorities of improving our nation's health.

The proposed rule amends 91 parts of Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations across 456 sections, adding 52 new subsections and fully restating 375 sections. The rule will affect all government grant-making across the United States. The many facets of the draft regulations must be thoughtfully considered for potential implications and assessed for possible risk. Allowing time for a thorough public review of the draft regulations and subsequent comment submission may help identify and avoid unforeseen implementation challenges, aligning with the OMB's priority to streamline administrative processes and thereby reduce missteps that weaken public trust in government.

We value the opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process and appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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