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Dear Academy Members,

The Academy is aware of the rightful concern within our community regarding the most recent Executive Order issued by President Trump that pauses all federal grants and loans – this includes grants issued by the NIH. **If you are able, the Academy urges you to draw down grants by 5pm eastern**. Any pending payments organizations are waiting to receive on federal grants will likely be delayed or stopped. The memo, linked here, states all activity must cease by 5 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, so there is a chance a pending payment already in process is paid out today.

While we expect clarification instructions from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), there is reason to be concerned that any institution receiving federal funds will be tied up in red tape for an indefinite period of time.

This memo and further memos will also appear on the front page of our website www.acadrad.org.

Pause on All Federal Grants

We can share with you what we currently understand about this broad, far-reaching pause on all federal grants.

This is an immediate freeze on all federal grants and loans to outside bodies. While not specifically carved out by the reporting or the OMB memo, this applies to NIH.

The OMB wants to review all federal grants to assess which ones may not align with the president's worldview. Federal agencies are required to submit detailed lists of projects suspended by the order by February 10. Federal agencies must assign "responsibility and oversight" to tracking the federal spending to a senior political appointee, not a career official.

Also, we are aware that processes to review new federal grants are paused. For example, the National Science Foundation was slated to hold grant review panels this week — all of which have been cancelled.

How Members of Congress Are Reacting

Since the memo has been made public, Democratic members of the House and Senate have unequivocally denounced this Memo, have called it illegal, and demanding OMB reverse course. Senator Patty Murray and Representative Rosa DeLauro sent this letter to OMB.

What the Academy is Doing

The Academy will send out an action alert this afternoon, urging our membership to contact their elected officials. This Memo will cripple universities and research institutions across the country.

In the meantime, the Academy continues to communicate with Congressional staff, NIH staff and the many advocacy coalitions we are part of within the research community to better understand the Executive Orders and to keep you all informed. Academy staff has a network of colleagues collectively sharing information with one another as it becomes available. Though the details are thin for now, rest assured we are in constant discussions across the board. As we learn new information, we will continue to share updates.

Additionally, the Academy is planning a Capitol Hill Advocacy Day on Wednesday March 25th. Engaged in these meetings will be academic leadership, our early career investigators and industry partners. Participants will be raising these issues when speaking with Members of Congress and their staff. The Academy plans to issue an Action Alert for our members to contact Capitol Hill and share their experiences with *all* the Executive Orders.

We will continue to keep you informed and updated as more information becomes available. If you have not already signed up for our alerts you can do so here. If you have questions pertaining to this order that was not addressed, please reach out to me at lmarquis@acadrad.org.

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