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

Re: Request for 45-Day Extension of Comment Period — Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance (Docket OMB-2026-0034)

Dear Director Vought:

On behalf of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE), I write to respectfully request a 45-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 current comment period is scheduled to close on July 13, 2026, just 45 days after publication.

AIMBE represents the nation's leading medical and biological engineers from academia, industry, government, and clinical practice, including more than 3,000 elected Fellows and a broader community spanning the biomedical research and innovation ecosystem. Our members are deeply engaged in federally supported research, technology development, and interdisciplinary collaborations that rely extensively on federal grants and cooperative agreements. AIMBE and the broader biomedical engineering community are therefore directly and materially affected by the proposed revisions to this rule.

The proposed rule represents a transformative change to the policies governing federal financial assistance and would have substantial implications for the research enterprise, institutions, and stakeholders that rely on federally supported research and innovation. At 108 pages, the proposal is extraordinarily broad in scope and complexity, and additional time is needed for stakeholders to adequately assess the potential impact of the proposed changes and provide useful, substantive feedback regarding implementation.

Notably, federal rulemakings that are considerably narrower in scope routinely include public comment periods of at least 90 days. Given the breadth and significance of the changes proposed in this rulemaking, the current 45-day comment period is insufficient to allow for the careful review and engagement warranted by a proposal of this magnitude.

AIMBE respectfully requests a 45-day extension of the public comment period, moving the deadline to August 27, 2026. Such an extension would:

- Allow scientific societies, research institutions, universities, engineers, and other stakeholders adequate time to review and evaluate the full proposal;
- Ensure that OMB receives substantive, well-informed comments that meaningfully inform the development and implementation of the final rule; and
- Reflect the significant scope and long-term impact of a rulemaking that will govern federal financial assistance across all agencies for years to come.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and welcome the opportunity to further engage on the potential implications of this proposed rule for the biomedical engineering and broader scientific research community.

Sincerely,

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