



Dear Colleagues,

Many of you have been following the stream of executive orders and actions from the new administration and the effects [on the NIH](#) and other federal agencies. NIH study sections and external public communications from federal health agencies are on pause, likely through at least February 1. Understandably, this has caused anxiety for many researchers regarding potential effects on pending grants and future funding. Please know that we are working with our academic and government relations colleagues to understand and respond to the potential impact of these events. We are working closely with your department chairs and institute/center directors, and we remain focused on our strategic priorities.

The anxiety produced by rapid change and an unknown future reminds me of the early days of the pandemic when new information arrived frequently but the implications for the future were hard to predict. Then and at other times during our long history, we have learned how adaptable and resilient we are when we support one another and innovate to meet every challenge. I believe that our strength lies in our shared commitment to our missions, to our patients, to our trainees, and to one another. We are tracking events closely and will continue to share information as it becomes available.

Thank you,

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