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Stop TB USA Opposes OMB Proposed Rule OMB-2026-0034 Urges Public to File Comments

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Stop TB USA, a partner of the global Stop TB Partnership, is opposing the Office of Management and Budget's new rule (<https://www.regulations.gov/document/OMB-2026-0034-0001>) for federal grants, joining such organizations and publications as the New England Journal of Medicine, RESULTS, Treatment Action Group, the American Public Health Association, Science, the American Association for Cancer Research, and many others.

Dr. Jonathan Stillo, Chair of Stop TB USA, explains:

"The proposed language gives political appointees final say on awards (bypassing peer review, §200.205), allows grants to be terminated at the administration's discretion (§200.340), and places severe barriers on international collaboration (§200.220). Agencies could also deny grants based on organizational affiliations (§200.206).

As someone whose TB research relies on funding from the NSF, and the Departments of State, Education, and Defense, I cannot imagine where my students or I would be without this support. Because most of my research is international, these rules would make compensating foreign collaborators nearly impossible. The proposed changes will hinder TB elimination."

"Because there are more TB cases abroad, we rely on global partners to develop new TB drugs and diagnostics that benefit the US, both from the perspective of people needing TB treatment and of US employment numbers. It is unreasonable to think politicians have the time or knowledge to oversee decisions at the individual grant level," added Immediate Past Chair, Dr. Cynthia A. Tschampl.

As a 22-year veteran of the NIH and former Program Official, Elizabeth Ginexi explains, the rule would apply to much more than just scientific research that supports our nation's health and prosperity. Grantees such as rural hospitals, drinking water projects, Meals on Wheels, and broadband - all would be vulnerable.

For more information, please contact David Moskowitz of Stop TB USA and explore
Defending Public Health's collected resources on the proposed legislation.
<https://www.defendpublichealth.org/campaign/critical-action-needed-stop-ombs-political-review-federal-grants>

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