

July 13, 2026

The Honorable Russell Vought
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

RE: Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance, OMB-2026-0034-0001

Dear Director Vought:

As members of the Democratic Women's Caucus, we write in opposition to the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) proposed rule, which would alter how federal grants are administered by providing political appointees the power to terminate funding on a whim.¹ No state, city, or community would be immune from the proposed rule's far-reaching impacts, like stripping funding for critical services such as neighborhood schools that families count on, transportation systems mothers ride to the grocery store, and workforce development programs for women and small businesses. To be clear, the Trump administration has already terminated grants without cause and continuously targeted programs that do not align with his agenda, including attempts to dismantle the Women's Bureau and redirect funding from the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.² This rule would go a step further by legalizing those efforts. **We strongly oppose the administration's efforts to overtake and weaponize the federal grants process and advance their ideological agenda at the expense of women and families.**

This proposal does nothing to help women and families. Instead, it threatens women's health, economic security, and safety to support the President's twisted agenda. The Trump administration has already harmed women by withdrawing millions of dollars in health research funding, canceling dozens of grants dedicated to women in the trades, and slashing investments to programs that provide safety and stability for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence. The proposed rule would enable further harm as even more funds could be terminated. A wide range of programs—including but not limited to the following—would be at risk:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Head Start and other childcare & preschool grants
- Medicaid & Medicare

¹ Office of Management and Budget. (2026, May 29). *Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance* (Proposed rule). *Federal Register*, 91(103), 32198–32598.

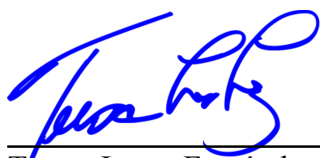
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/05/29/2026-10817/regulation-for-federal-financial-assistance>

² Weixel, N. (2026, June 30). *HHS terminates millions in teen pregnancy funding*. The Hill. <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/5948545-hhs-terminates-millions-teen-pregnancy-funding/>

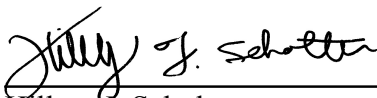
- Research and programs addressing the black maternal mortality crisis and rural maternal health
- Women's health research including research on ovarian, cervical and breast cancer, menopause, endometriosis, and maternal health
- Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs for women and girls
- Federal grants and resources for minority- and women-owned businesses, like Women's Business Centers
- Workforce development grants, like Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO)
- Office on Violence Against Women grants
- Rape Crisis Centers
- Human trafficking victim assistance grants
- Campus sexual assault prevention grants
- Grants to improve responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
- Domestic violence shelters

This proposed rule would only heighten the administration's devastating impacts on women by enshrining an anti-women agenda that targets all aspects of women's lives. Making federal grants contingent on loyalty to the administration would be a disservice to women, girls, and families across the country. That is why we strongly oppose efforts to revise guidance for federal financial assistance, OMB-2026-0034-0001.

Sincerely,



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