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RE: OMB-2026-0034, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance.

To the U.S. Office of Management & Budget:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal to revise several parts of the OMB Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance located in title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), subtitle A (OMB-2026-0034, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance).

My name is Michael Corey, and I serve as Executive Director of the Human Service Chamber of Franklin County, an organization that supports 250 diverse health and human services nonprofits in the 15th largest city in the U.S.

Access to federal funding for nonprofits is essential to supporting the equitable and considerable growth of our Region, as evidenced by the collaborative, cross-sector efforts to pursue federal dollars led by our friends at the Columbus Partnership, a membership organization featuring our Region's largest for-profit and higher education CEOs. Whether for transportation, higher education, economic development, or the social safety net, the collaborative efforts to pursue federal funding that the Columbus Partnership has led underscore that we all understand the importance of federal investment in our community.

But if implemented, the proposed rules would jeopardize the flow of such investments by making it more difficult for the Columbus Region to provide critical services to the people we all serve in partnership with all levels of government. The following changes are of significant concern:

- **Requirement for grant programs to “align with administration policies and priorities,” even though they are already required to align with laws passed by Congress.** This proposed change means that programmatic grant requirements could evolve from one Administration to the next, creating instability for nonprofits and the people they serve.
- **Political appointees would be granted expanded power to approve or reject grant awards after they have been selected through the agency review process to ensure projects advance “national interest,”** an undefined term that leaves room for decisions to be made on grounds that are not meritorious.
- **Federal agencies would be authorized to add new requirements, change the terms of the grant, or terminate a grant entirely if they decide that the project no longer serves their current priorities.** Agencies could also shift a grant to a reimbursement model mid-grant, requiring organizations to deliver services before receiving payment, creating enormous cash flow challenges.
- **Federal grant funds could not be used for activities targeting specific demographic groups.** This threatens important congressionally funded federal programs that help address longstanding racial, social, or other disparities or serve underserved communities. Those most impacted are people of color and their communities.

Nonprofit organizations are often the first point of support for individuals and families facing challenges related to housing, food security, behavioral health, aging, disability services, job attainment, and other community needs. Changes that increase barriers to accessing or administering federal funding can have sizable ripple effects throughout the communities we serve in Central Ohio.

Along with 80 co-signatories, we respectfully urge OMB to reconsider these proposed changes and adopt policies that support equitable, efficient, and effective access to federal financial assistance for nonprofits and the communities they serve.



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The Center for Healthy Families, Inc.
Central Community House
Children's Hunger Alliance
City Wide Facility Solutions
Clintonville-Beechwold CRC
The Columbus Coalition for the Homeless
Columbus Diaper Bank
Columbus Early Learning Centers
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Community Development for All People
Community for New Direction
Community Housing Network
CompDrug
CRIS - Community Refugee & Immigration Services
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Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery
Ohio Environmental Council
Ohio Humanities Alliance
Ohio Recovery Housing
Ohio Victim Witness Association, Inc.
The Open Shelter
Our Helpers
The P.E.E.R. Center
Partners Achieving Community Transformation
Pelotonia
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The Reeb Center
Remember Us Urban Legends
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