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Dear Dr. Memoli,

Thank you for the leadership role you play at the Department of Health and Human Services. I am writing on behalf of [Research!America](#), a national non-profit, non-partisan alliance advocating for science, discovery, and innovation to achieve better health for all.

We would greatly appreciate clarification around the freeze on Federal Register notices of NIH study sections and advisory councils. Specifically, when will study sections and advisory council notices resume? Will some notices be further delayed, and if so, what criteria will be used to make those decisions?

The uncertainty surrounding the Federal Register notice phase of the peer-review process is having a chilling effect on US research output, with inevitable harm to patients today and tomorrow.

Please let me know if our alliance can be helpful in identifying solutions to ensure continuity in research funding and review.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Woolley
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