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The American Diabetes Association Statement on Federal Research Executive Order

ARLINGTON, Va. (Sept. 25, 2026) – Following efforts from the [White House Office of Management and Budget](#) (OMB) to overhaul the Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance, there have been reports that the president was also considering an executive order that would create a new external committee with the authority to veto National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants that do not conform to the administration's political priorities. It is unclear if the White House will produce an executive order to this effect. The American Diabetes Association® (ADA) remains strongly opposed to any effort to cut, cancel, or politicize federal biomedical research funding, including funding for federal diabetes research and education programs.

The ADA is extremely concerned with actions taken by the OMB this year to change the way federal research grants are awarded, including politicizing the gold standard peer review process and therefore jeopardizing NIH-funded projects in pursuit of diabetes treatments and, ultimately, a cure. We stand with the diabetes research and prevention community, the diabetes patient advocacy community, and our allies in Congress to bring an end to attempts to overhaul this country's critically important, nonpartisan, cutting-edge biomedical research infrastructure. The ADA finds any action that would give political appointees the authority to dictate federal research policy and priorities extremely disturbing.

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About the American Diabetes Association

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) is the nation's leading voluntary health organization fighting to end diabetes and helping people thrive. For 86 years, the ADA has driven discovery and research to treat, manage, and prevent diabetes while working relentlessly for a cure. Through advocacy, program development, and education we work to improve the quality of life for the over 155 million Americans living with diabetes or prediabetes. To learn more or to get involved, visit us at diabetes.org or call 1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2383). Join us in the fight on Facebook ([American Diabetes Association](#)), Spanish Facebook ([Asociación Americana de la Diabetes](#)), LinkedIn ([American Diabetes Association](#)), and Instagram ([@AmDiabetesAssn](#)). To learn more about how we are advocating for everyone affected by diabetes, visit us on X ([@AmDiabetesAssn](#)).