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Subject: Let the National Academy of Science evaluate Peer Review

Dear Dr. Bolten,

Peer review is government of the scientists, by the scientists, for the scientists. As such, interference by a non-scientific governmental organization such as the Office of Management and Budget is entirely unwarranted, unsuitable, and unjustified.

If the government has any concerns about the peer review process, the appropriate procedure would be to discuss the issue with the National Academy of Science. The American government should be aware that any external attempts to tamper with the scientific process, including peer review, will only result in a delay and dilution of one of America's great icons.

Let scientists do their job.

I am an ecological and evolutionary ecologist, graduated from the University of Tennessee and now teaching as a visiting foreign professor at Tunghai University, Taiwan. This attempt by the US government to interfere with the peer review process is of concern to all scientists, regardless of their nationality, as all scientists are subject to the same review process, particularly if they wish to publish their research in internationally recognized journals.

Sincerely,

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