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Re: Revised Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review

Dear Dr Schwab:

Thank you for OMB's efforts to improve the quality of scientific information within the federal government. We at the Institute for Regulatory Science (RSI) are dedicated to the idea that societal decisions must be based on Best Available Science (BAS). Independent peer review is the cornerstone of BAS. Consistent with the mission of RSI we believe that OMB's Revised Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review constitutes a significant improvement with respect to its previous version. This OMB document clearly emphasizes the role of the peer review process for government agencies, and we fully endorse it.

The only suggestion we have is to insert the following statement as the guiding principle regarding Conflict of Interest:

*"Those who have a stake in the outcome of the review may not act as reviewer or participate in the selection of reviewers."*

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