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To Whom It May Concern:

I believe that the Office of Management and Budget should withdraw the proposed Bulletin and engage the scientific community in an open, transparent process to discuss the need and structure of peer review in regulatory science.

Ruling out scientists who receive federal funding from serving as reviewers for other federally funded research would remove the group of scientists who know best whether a team is capable of carrying out federally funded research. It also means that researchers applying for federal funds are guaranteed to have reviewers who are not qualified to make a sound decision about whether the applicant is capable of carrying out the proposed research. How is that fair?

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