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To whom it may concern:

I am a PhD student in ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, and I am against the Office of Management and Budget's proposed changes about peer review. Very rarely can science come close to "proving" something to be true, and in science it is rare to have nearly 100% of researchers agree on anything. This is how science work, many researchers have their personal beliefs about what is true, and research tips the scales one way or the other. I think science works very well, but it takes a long time and it is not good at quickly producing facts that are 100% agreed upon.

Therefore, to base regulatory decisions on peer review and a lot of research is not always practical because of the amount of time this can take and because many things will never be decided with anything near to 100% certainty. You should not REQUIRE peer review in everything you do. Do not ammend the bulletin.

Sincerely,
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