

# **AABA** American Association of Biological Anthropologists

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AABA Advocates for Science Newsletter  
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Dear Members,

In the last week, over 400 NSF grants have been terminated and other funds are also frozen. Your help is urgently needed to support NSF and government support of science generally. Please help make it clear why NSF is crucial to the security, prosperity, and health of the United States. Many people remain unaware of NSF's historic role in establishing the US' leadership in science and innovation, which in turn has far-ranging benefits for all Americans.

We ask your help to do the following:

**ONE: Contact your representatives in Congress**

If you are not sure who your representatives are, please go to <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/map> and enter your address. When you reach out, the recommendation is to focus on one issue, keep it brief, personalize the call/letter (noting that you are a constituent), and being courteous but firm. If your representative's phone number is not listed online, you can dial the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 to ask to be connected to your Senators and Representative

It is also preferable NOT to send a form email/letter (many suggest it is best to call), and it is best NOT to use your institutional email.

Good sources of information about the economic impacts of science funding by state are:

- NIH: <https://www.unitedformedicalresearch.org/nih-in-your-state/>
- NSF: <https://tableau.external.nsf.gov/views/NSFbyNumbers/NumbersbyState?>

**TWO: Post widely on social media.**

Please share your support of NSF on social media and use the hashtags #WithoutNSF or #WithoutScience

Example language: “#WithoutNSF my [program] won’t receive the critical funding it needs to continue [doing what we do] in my community.”

Other Hashtags to use: #SupportNSF #SaveNSF #ISupportNSF and #ISupportScience

Facebook: [NSF's official page](#)

Instagram: [@nsfgov](#)

X: [@nsf](#)

LinkedIn: [NSF Official Page](#)

**THREE: Have you been impacted? Help AABA keep track**

Please [report incidents through this form](#) of the impact of changing US policy on biological anthropology.

**FOUR: Get involved with AABA’s activities**

We have started to put together the AABA Science Advocacy committee and plan an active series of activities over the coming months. [Fill out this form to volunteer.](#)

**FIVE: March for Science**

Stand up for science is putting together marches across the country in support of science on college campuses on the last day of classes. If you would like to get involved see <https://standupforscience2025.org/actions/>.

Stay tuned for more!

Sincerely,

Anne Stone and Leslea Hlusko  
President & Past President

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