

# ASIP

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## **Statement Regarding Executive Actions Freezing Federal Grant Funding**

The American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) is extremely concerned about recent executive orders and actions taken by the new Trump Administration to freeze federal grant funding, including those affecting operations within the NIH under the blanket Health and Human Services (HHS) freeze of January 21 and those stipulated in the more recent memorandum from the Office of Management and Budget ([M-25-13](#)) issued on January 27. Members of the ASIP conduct biomedical research on human diseases and their basic science discoveries contribute to the advancement of medicine through improved detection of disease, diagnosis of disease, prognostication of patient outcomes, and treatment guidance. While we are pleased to see cancellation of the freezes associated with the OMB directive (effective January 29), the HHS freeze continues to threaten the biomedical research enterprise through its dictates to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). If continued, the current freeze on NIH communications and activities (including a pause on grant review processes and study section meetings) could result in significant delays in new research funding, interruption of currently funded training and research programs, and the consequential reduction of research progress. This ongoing freeze also represents a major threat to the economy as the biomedical research enterprise is a major driver of employment and economic success across the United States. The ASIP encourages the new Administration to reinstate normal order within HHS as soon as possible so that the NIH can resume critical activities that are necessary for continued and uninterrupted research productivity.