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Policy Efforts in 2025

See our most recent letters to Congress, responses to federal agency calls for information, nominations, and other actions we've taken for our members.

How We Serve Our Members

We help advance our members' priorities by working with dozens of other societies and organizations, in coalition. We regularly meet with U.S federal officials and members of U.S. Congress. We sign on to letters, respond to federal level calls for information, nominate SRCD members to federal positions and more.

see our policy priorities see our coalition partners science advocacy homepage

See SRCD's 2025 Public Letters:

Request and Support for Federal Funding

- **Coalition Letter to U.S. Appropriators Requesting NIH funding for FY25**
  Read Coalition letter here, sent on February 25th
- **Friends of IES letter to U.S. Congressional Appropriators Requesting IES Funding For FY26**

Read Coalition Letter here, sent on April 7th

- **Coalition Letter to Congressional L-HHS Appropriators Requesting NICHD Funding for FY26**

  Read Friends of NICHD letter here, sent on April 21st
- **Coalition Letter to U.S. Congressional Appropriators Requesting Funding for FY26 For Public Health Research Into Firearm Morbidity & Mortality Prevention (CDC, NIH, and NIJ)**

  Read Coalition letter here, sent on May 20th
- **Coalition Letter to U.S. Appropriators Requesting NIH Funding For FY26**

  Read Coalition Letter here, sent on June 5th
- **Coalition Letter to U.S. Congressional Leadership Requesting Oversight and Federal Funding FY26**

  Read Coalition Letter here, sent on June 10th
- **Coalition Letter to U.S. Congressional Appropriators Requesting NSF funding for FY26**

  Read Coalition letter here, sent on September 9th
- **Coalition Letter to U.S. Congressional Leadership Requesting NIH funding for FY26**

  Read Coalition Letter here, sent on September 19th, 2025
- **Coalition Letter to U.S. Congressional Leadership Requesting Federal Funding for the Food Security Supplement (FSS) in the Current Population Survey (CPS)**

  Read Coalition Letter here, sent on October 23rd.
- **Coalition Letter to U.S. Congressional Appropriators Requesting NSF - Social, Behavioral and Economic (SBE) Sciences Directorate Funding for FY26**

  Read Coalition Letter here, sent on November 6th.
- **Coalition Letter to U.S. Appropriators Requesting IES Funding for Final FY26**

  Read Coalition Letter here, sent on November 24th

Responses to Specific Programs and Policies

- **COPAFS Letter to the U.S. Congress on Protecting and Preserving Public Access to Federal Data**

Read COPAFS led letter here, sent on February 11th

- **Coalition Letter to the U.S. Congress Regarding IES Contracts Cancellation**
  Read Coalition letter here, sent on February 13th
- **SRCD Letter to U.S. Senate Leadership on House of Representatives—agreed Budget Reconciliation**
  Read SRCD letter here, sent on March 4th
- **Postsecondary Data Collaborative (PostsecData) Letter to U.S. Congress on IES Research, Data Cuts and ED Student Privacy Protections**
  Read Coalition Letter here, sent on March 10th
- **Coalition Statement on the Impacts and Safety of Vaccines**
  Read Statement here, published on March 20th
- **Coalition Letter to U.S. Congressional Leadership on Federal Education Data, Statistics and Research**
  Read Coalition letter here, sent on March 25th
- **SRCD Letter to U.S. Congressional Leadership with Regards to the Research Workforce and Programs that Serve Children**
  Read SRCD letter here, sent on April 29th
- **Coalition Letter to U.S. Congressional Leadership on the Need for Transparency and Oversight Regarding Agency Reduction-in-Force and Reorganization Plans Affecting Scientific and Health Priorities**
  Read Coalition letter here, sent on May 8th
- **Amicus Brief, CLSEPA v HHS**
  Read Amicus Brief here, submitted on May 20th
- **Coalition Letter to the Secretary and Acting Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education on Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) for the 2025-26 school year**
  Read Coalition letter here, sent on July 8th
- **Coalition Letter to the Director of the Office of Science and Technology on the Gold Standard for Science**
  Read Coalition Letter here, sent on August 19th
- **Coalition Statement to U.S. Congress on NIH Grants Cancellations**
  Read Coalition Statement here, sent on September 11th
- **AAMC Letter to U.S. Congressional Appropriators in Support of FAIR Model for Facilities and Administrative Costs on FY26**
  Read Coalition letter here, sent on September 22

- **Coalition Letter to U.S. Congressional Leadership Regarding the Household Food Security Reports**
  Read Coalition Letter here, sent on October 23rd.
- **Coalition Letter to U.S. Senate HELP Committee Leadership on Vaccine Safety and Oversight of the CDC**
  Read Coalition Letter here, sent on November 26th

Changes to Federal Programs

- **SRCD Responds to HHS Reinterpretation of PRWORA**
  Read the SRCD letter here, sent on August 13th
- **SRCD Responds to NIH's Request For Information on Publishing Costs**
  Read the SRCD letter here, sent on September 15th, 2025
- **SRCD Responds to IES Modernization Efforts**
  Read SRD letter here, sent on October 15th
- **SRCD Responds to DHS's Proposed Rule on Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility**
  Read SRCD letter here, sent on December 19th

Check back for updates and more sign on letters regarding policies and practices impacting our scientific community's ability to fund, conduct, publish, and disseminate its research.

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