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OMB Rescinds Memo Pausing Federal Grants, Loans, and Financial Assistance

Today numerous news outlets reported that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) rescinded the [memorandum](#) it issued on Monday directing all federal departments and agencies to temporarily pause all federal financial assistance. The memorandum required that the departments and agencies perform a comprehensive analysis to ensure that all federal financial assistance programs and supporting activities are consistent with the current administration's recent executive orders. The temporary pause was scheduled to go into effect at 5:00 p.m. yesterday but was stayed by a federal judge until Monday, February 3.

According to an Associated Press [article](#), "the White House confirmed that OMB pulled the memo Wednesday in a two-sentence notice sent to agencies and departments but said that Trump's underlying executive orders targeting federal spending in areas like diversity, equity and inclusion and climate change, remained in place." Additionally, Karoline Leavitt, Assistant to the President and White House Press Secretary, wrote the following in a social media post: *"This is NOT a rescission of the federal funding freeze. It is simply a rescission of the OMB memo. Why? To end any confusion created by the court's injunction. The President's EO's on federal funding remain in full force and effect and will be rigorously implemented."*



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