

The seal of The American Association of Immunologists is circular, featuring a large stylized 'AAI' in the center. The text 'THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF IMMUNOLOGISTS' is written around the top inner edge, and 'FOUNDED 1913' is at the bottom.

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Statement of Beth A. Garvy, Ph.D., Chair, AAI Committee on Public Affairs  
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The American Association of Immunologists is deeply concerned about reports that employees at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and potentially other agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services, may be prohibited, or discouraged, from using specific words in official budget documents for fiscal year 2019. We would strongly oppose any policy that prevents, or discourages, full and open communication about scientific research findings, programs, or priorities. We look forward to prompt clarification on this important matter from the Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services.