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Dear Suzanne,

I am sending you some comments on PAPPG 2024 as per  
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/04/13/2023-07780/agency-information-collection-activities-comment-request-national-science-foundation-proposalaward>

I am an advocate of open science. I not only release some data when I publish a paper, but I prefer to do all of my work following open science principles. I only use open source software, and my laptop runs Linux. Everything I do is open source on GitHub.

The PAPPG requirements for listing collaborators has become onerous. It used to be a list that I could maintain in my own preferred tool and then share as a text file. It is now an Excel spreadsheet with macros embedded. I am, just barely, able to get things to work in LibreOffice, but this spreadsheet seems to push the limits of that software. It is slow and crashes often - not something that software usually does when I use it to work on XLS spreadsheets.

Please consider simplifying the collaborator spreadsheet, and keep it simple. XLS macros are not.

Thank you,

Ken Mankoff