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Dear APPAM Members,

In this time of tremendous uncertainty, criticism of public servants, and opposition to government-supported research and analysis, APPAM is committed to being responsive to the moment in ways that are consistent with our resources, capabilities and mission. Our community matters. Our values matter. We will be acting to make space for that community, and to emphasize that community in the coming weeks and months.

In that spirit, we wanted to update you about some advocacy efforts APPAM has supported, to remind you about the career resources that the association offers, to highlight a few new initiatives we are planning, and to ask our membership for any additional ideas about how we can be helpful.

First, APPAM is a longstanding member of several data/research consortiums, including the [Consortium of Social Science Associations \(COSSA\)](#), and the [Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics \(COPAFS\)](#). You can learn more about their efforts and opportunities to get involved as individuals through their websites. We signed onto this [COPAFS letter](#) protecting access to public data on February 11th. We also signed onto [this letter](#) from the American Statistical Association (AmStat) drawing attention to threats to the economic statistical infrastructure on February 18th.

As for resources for job searches and professional development, we've held a professional development webinar series each year. Here's [a link](#) to the series from 2024, which includes sessions on securing grants and fellowships, strategies for the job market for PhD's and Master's, networking tips, etc. Stay tuned for more professional development webinars throughout 2025. We also host a [Career Connections Job Board](#). Please continue to share any listings with us.

In addition to these ongoing activities, we are in the process of organizing a series of webinars we hope members will find useful. The first, "Assault on Federal Employment and Programs" will be this Thursday, February 27, 12:30 – 2:00pm ET and will feature a panel of experts discussing the latest information about the DOGE cuts to the government workforce and the state of legal challenges. [You can find more information, including speakers and registration information here.](#) The second will focus on data availability and research support. Look out for more details on this webinar soon.

We are also launching a new series called [Celebrate Policy Impact](#), which will highlight and celebrate research that has helped to make government programs more effective and efficient. Please use [this form](#) to share a story – you can describe your own studies, or those conducted by others. They can be very short - the idea is to briefly explain the research and to emphasize the impact that research has had on improving government policies and programs. We hope to build a library of these data stories for the APPAM website and social media to illustrate the power that policy research plays in our society. Please be on the lookout for the **#CelebratePolicyImpact** hashtag on social media in the coming weeks.

Finally, we would love to hear any ideas you have about other ways APPAM can support its community, whether it is through formal programming or through informal ways to bring members together during these trying times.

Please reach out to Ingrid or Tara (tsheehan@appam.org) with questions or ideas.

Thank you,
APPAM Executive Committee



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