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Dear Members,

I think it's important to discuss the grant review shortcomings I outlined in Slides 5-7 of my 8 July 2014 presentation to the panel. Dr. Collins told me (on July 8th) that his office would investigate, but I have heard nothing since. I know that few consider the review system to be fully functional, but we really should find a way to have an honest, accurate, and swift system that can be responsive to declared emergencies -- otherwise, we fail the most basic requirement of society.

You may review my recommendations here: <http://videocast.nih.gov/summary.asp?Live=14343&bhcp=1> (begins at 2:38:50 and ends at 2:50:20) or here: <http://smrb.od.nih.gov/meetings/2014/July-2014> (choose "Public Comment - VateX").

Thank you, Jim Harris

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"We've all got to roll up our sleeves and get involved because in the most industrious, productive, and imaginative democracy in the world, I maintain that this particular healthcare crisis is the one that can destroy America's quality of life if we keep doing business the way we are doing it." -- Governor Shumlin of Vermont, warning of the acceleration of prescription drug abuse while speaking at the White House. June 2014.