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Dear Geographers:

We learned on February 18, 2025 that staff at the National Science Foundation's Human Environment and Geographic Sciences (HEGS) Program were terminated as part of cuts that removed more than 10% of NSF's workforce. As of today, we are unsure about the future of HEGS/SBE.

This is a terrible loss for our discipline and the environmental and social sciences more broadly. The NSF HEGS program funds geographic research on a variety of globally significant topics, including climate change and adaptation, economic development, refugee geopolitics, urban health, environmental degradation, and food security. With its Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement (DDRI) program, HEGS has helped launch the careers of numerous geographers.

On behalf of AAG, we express our sincere gratitude and deep appreciation for the invaluable work of generations of NSF HEGS program officers and rotators on behalf of geography and geographers. Our thoughts go out to the HEGS staff, their families, and their colleagues across the NSF and other Federal agencies.

AAG will advocate to restore staff and funding for HEGS and other Geography-related programs, and will continue to champion NSF.

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