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To Whom It May Concern at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any proposed regulations that would enable the creation of a new federal employee category resembling “Schedule F,” or otherwise allow for the politicization of the federal civil service. As a long-time public servant with the National Park Service, I have dedicated my career to serving the American public with integrity, impartiality, and professionalism.

The foundation of the federal civil service is its merit-based, nonpartisan structure. This is not just a principle—it is a safeguard that ensures public agencies serve **all Americans**, regardless of political party. Proposals that allow employees to be reclassified into an at-will status—stripped of due process and vulnerable to politically motivated firings—are a direct attack on that foundation. These policies would open the door to replacing career professionals with political loyalists, weakening the effectiveness, credibility, and continuity of public service.

Federal employees are experts in their fields—scientists, analysts, park rangers, engineers, and countless others—who work behind the scenes to ensure our government functions for the good of the public. They should never have to fear losing their jobs because their work is politically inconvenient or their personal views don’t align with the administration in power.

I urge OPM to uphold the principles of a professional civil service and reject any attempt to roll back protections that ensure impartiality, accountability, and fair treatment. We must not allow political influence to undermine the institutions that have served this country faithfully and effectively for generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Concerned US Citizen & current National Park Service Employee