

Here is the text of the email I sent to NSF regarding NCAR.

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to NSF\_NCAR

In the early 1970s, when I was eight or nine years old, my parents took some of my siblings and me to visit the NCAR Mesa Laboratory. What I remembered best is that we looked eastward from the building and marveled at the view, and at all the things the institution did.

My parents were not sophisticated people. They grew up in rural poverty and finished their formal schooling in high school. But they both took an interest in science. Back then, a visit to NCAR was not a political statement; it was a visit to a cool science lab. Supporting NCAR was like supporting NASA; it was rooting for our country's achievements.

That dismantling or fragmenting NCAR is even under discussion right now shows the absurdity of the current political climate. The politics of the current presidential administration will pass. They are deeply unpopular already. The question now is: How do you want to be remembered? Do you want to be remembered as fearful pushovers who went along with a corrupt, cruelty-is-the-point administration—because your jobs at the NSF were just what you did to pay the rent? Or do you want to be remembered as people who championed NCAR's mission because you believed in it?