While the causes and solutions for the climate crisis remain a political flashpoint, adapting to and building resilience in the face of evident impacts are generally viewed as a politically safe means to address the slowly unfolding disaster. Until now. In shutting down scientific conversations about climate change, the Trump Administration is endangering Americans. For example, Alaska Native villages on the Arctic coast are in an extremely vulnerable position due to the degradation of the permafrost and lack of protective sea ice during storm season – several communities are one storm away from being washed off the map. But the Administration has focused on reversing all recent federal efforts to improve the resilience of these communities, and in doing so is adding to their level of risk. This is important beyond the Arctic as well; coastal communities elsewhere in the US are faced with sea level rise that puts them at similar levels of risk in the coming decades. It is essential to acknowledge the risk for Arctic communities and to identify and implement solutions, including relocation, for all Americans in peril.