

**Subject: Public Access to Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications Resulting From Federally Funded Research**

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I am responding to your RFI. I am a US citizen and taxpayer. I operate a private radio astronomy observatory in Anchorage, Alaska. I DO NOT receive, nor have I ever asked for, funds from the US government for my work.

I think it is imperative that all US taxpayers have free access to any and all US government funded research, and there should be no delay in providing that access.

I do not like having to pay for subscriptions to get US funded research data and papers when I already paid for all of it through my hard-earned tax dollars. Those subscriptions generally are outrageously priced. Some of these organizations claim to provide free access after one year. I do not like having to wait more than one day, more or less one year, to get this work from organizations who sell those subscriptions.

I have little sentiment for the organizations that sell my already-paid-for data through subscriptions. Essentially, I am being double-taxed, and I object to that. If they want to sell that information to foreigners, that is fine with me. But as a US taxpayer I should never have to pay for it, in any way, shape or form.

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