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If we as a country are to innovate our way out of this economic mess we are in, the open exchange of scholarly research is priceless. Without open access to the research, we will not have those "eureka" moments; we will be condemned to unnecessary and expensive repetition of failed experiments. Our society will not be able to connect the dots, if we don't know where the dots are.

The purpose of scientific research is to share findings so our peers can build on them. Locking research behind private paywalls enriches the few at a terrible cost to our country's innovation economy. Public access to peer-reviewed scholarly publications must be preserved and promoted.

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