

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

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Scientific work funded by the public should be freely accessible to the public. Period. This is not a copyright issue. Scientists funded by taxpayer dollars are allowed to present their research results, figures, and raw data in whatever form they choose. Historically it was necessary to disseminate research in print form, but that era is long gone. Scientists can post their data to an internet forum for free, publish with an open-access or not-for-profit journal. It is not and never has been necessary or useful for publishing companies to own the copyright to publicly funded research results. For-profit publishing companies actively inhibit the dissemination of scientific research in pursuit of their own profits, and they are attempting to protect those profits with this legislation. They have made significant donations to Rep. Maloney in return for her support for this bill, which is not designed to serve the American people but instead deny taxpayers potentially life-saving access to publicly funded science.

I am a scientist and I am against the Research Works Act.

Sincerely,

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