

Subject: RFI: Public Access to Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications

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Dear Science and Technology Policy Office,

The Research Works Act will hinder scientific progress in the United States. It is only by building on existing research that any new scientific findings can occur. It is vital to keep publicly-funded research accessible to the public. Not all scientists have access to expensive journal subscriptions. Even with the large library resources of UC Berkeley, I cannot always access research articles that I need. This problem will be horribly exacerbated if the Research Works Act passes. We need to keep research accessible, or the US risks losing scientific integrity and knowledge.

Sincerely,

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