

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my support for the requirement that government-funded research be released, free of charge, to the public. I also wish to express my disapproval for H.R. 3699 and similar acts that would allow this research to remain locked and proprietary.

The simple fact is that federal agencies that provide monetary support to research activities should require that the full text of the peer-reviewed results be released in an open-access format.

As others have stated more eloquently, the public funds this research, and the public deserves to peruse the results which they have supported. Furthermore, public access allows research results to be disseminated more fully, and with greater speed, especially into sectors outside of the traditional academy. This dissemination allows for advances in medicine and industry that benefit the public at large, and which would otherwise never take place.

Sincerely yours,  
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