

Esteemed United States Office of Science Technology and Policy,

As a foreign researcher I can only empathize with US scientists, stakeholders, policy-makers and remaining citizens that have access to critical information for their activities curtailed by publishing companies' steep pricing as the former are onerous enough without them.

When one factors in government funding, ostensibly derived from the taxes payed by every American citizen, it becomes a grave injustice to have the access to the published results blocked (not unlike barring access to periodicals in public libraries) especially in fields with a large and important publishing output such as biomedical research. Moreover, the United States can set the example for the rest of the world and as such facilitate the transition in other countries to open access publishing for research funded by the respective governments.

Many thanks for your time,

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