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I see the Research Works Act as the reaction of old technology to new technology. The peer review and private publishing model arose as a way to distribute scientific research in a situation of limited resources (paper, ink, postage, etc). Those limits no longer exist. The value of peer review does still exist.

But, to claim that private interests have value-added by virtue of peer reviews that are performed for free is essentially to claim that the value-added is organizing peer reviews, which is to say, several secretaries are creating the value-added.

I support freely distributing research paid for by any government (as long as national security is not involved).

Thank you.

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