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Chair M. Elizabeth Cowell
Council of University Librarians

Chair Richard Schneider
University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication

Re: COVC Support for Elsevier Negotiations

Dear Chairs Cowell and Chair Schneider,

The Council of Vice Chancellors recognizes the urgent need to reduce licensed content costs to levels that the University can sustain, and the desire to make research outputs openly accessible, as articulated in the Call to Action issued by the Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee. We commend the UC Libraries for applying these principles to current and future publisher negotiations.

Sincerely,

Ralph J. Hexter
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