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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RFI Response: Public Access

Dear Lisa Nichols,

I strongly agree that government funded research should be publicly accessible. I would even go further to say that all research should be openly accessible. As a researcher myself, I am constantly running into the situation where I am looking for a reference that my library does not have. The publisher often asked for \$40 or more per article requested. Often I am not even sure whether the article is relevant, so it is a big hurdle to pay these fees just to get access to information. Knowledge should be a public good. It might even be time to completely rethink our publishing flow given that most of the work (research, writing, typesetting, refereeing) is done by the researchers. It seems unacceptable that after this whole process the information is not always freely available.

Best wishes,

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