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Subject: [EXTERNAL] OSTP Request for Information: Public Access to Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications, Data and Code Resulting From Federally Funded Research

To The Office of the President for the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP):

This letter is in response to your request for feedback on how to broaden public access to research publications, datasets, and software code that arise from federal funding.

Access to publicly-funded research is extremely important, and since billions of taxpayer dollars are spent on research each year, the public has a right to access and use those results. Therefore, I strongly support the zero-embargo policy for author-accepted manuscripts. The government should implement a national open-access policy to ensure that the public has immediate access to the results of scientific research that their tax dollars have funded and to foster the transmission of research and knowledge.

Countries in Europe, Asia and South America are adopting Open Access policies to accelerate scientific research, and the United States is falling behind. Our scientists need to quickly access critical research articles and data to continue being leaders in their fields. Not even the most well-funded campus libraries at major Universities such as my own home campus (UCLA) can afford to continue to pay subscription fees for all of the journals that their researchers require.

Thank you,

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