

Dear Science and Technology Policy Office,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Research Works Act, currently being considered by Congress. The proposed Act would greatly restrict public access to scientific research, undermining the fundamental principles of academic pursuit. The U.S. is the world's leader in science and technology, and open access to published research is essential to our leadership. The American public pays for fundamental research in medicine, environment and other fields and has every right to have access to the resulting discoveries and publications. The Research Works Act runs counter to public interest and to current trends in science and information sharing. It would take the United States backwards and erode our leadership.

Sincerely,

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