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Dear Chair Eggman and Vice-Chair Patterson,

On behalf of these nine national and regional library, publishing, research and advocacy organizations, we are writing in support of AB 2192, as amended April 2. This legislation would require all articles reporting on California state funded research be made publicly available to all in a timely, barrier-free manner.

This legislation extends and expands upon current law -- the California Taxpayer Access to Publicly Funded Research Act -- that is set to expire in January 2020. AB 2192 makes significant improvements to current law, specifically by requiring that articles reporting on research funded by all California state agencies (not just those funded by public health agencies) be made publicly available. This bill shortens the maximum allowable embargo period from 12 to six months, and requires that articles be made available to the public under terms and conditions that enable their productive reuse. In addition, AB 2192 provides explicit guidance on approved repositories for deposit of articles, including the University of California's eScholarship repository and PubMed Central.

Increasing access to the results of taxpayer funded research is essential to California's ongoing investments in research, innovation and discovery. The increased sharing and use of this information will help to advance the pace of discovery, and to speed the translation of these discoveries into innovative new services and products -- fueling economic growth and helping to create jobs, not only in California, but across the United States.

In your positions as Chair and Vice-Chair for the Committee on Accountability & Administrative Review, which has jurisdiction over AB 2192, we urge your support for this legislation. We look forward to working with you on this endeavor, and appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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