

November 3, 2023

Dr. Arati Prabhakar  
Director  
Office of Science and Technology Policy  
Eisenhower Executive Office Building  
1650 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20504

Dear Director Prabhakar:

On behalf of eight national and regional library, publishing, research, and advocacy organizations, we write to urge the Biden Administration to strongly oppose Section 552 of the House Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill (H.R.5893), which would prohibit funds from being used to implement the 2022 OSTP Memorandum on [\*Ensuring Free Immediate and Equitable Access to Federally Funded Research\*](#).

The 2022 OSTP Memorandum is a broadly supported priority of the Biden Administration that would ensure that taxpayers are guaranteed access to the results of research their tax dollars have funded. It has been [\*welcomed\*](#) by the public, researchers, universities, and federal agencies and is a critical step to enable scientists, entrepreneurs, and educators to speed solutions for global challenges—from cancer to climate change. Section 552 would prevent agencies from working on this priority, thereby slowing science and limiting our ability to build on the latest research results.

We urge you to help ensure that the Administration's opposition to Section 552 is clearly reflected in the Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) for H.R.5893 and that the Administration strongly opposes the inclusion of this provision in any final funding agreement.

Sincerely,

American Library Association  
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
Association of College and Research Libraries  
Association of Research Libraries  
Authors Alliance  
COAPI  
Creative Commons  
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SPARC