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President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
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Washington, DC 20500

Dr. Alondra Nelson
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Dear President Biden and Dr. Alondra Nelson,

On behalf of eight national and regional library, publishing, research, and advocacy organizations, we write today to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the updated policy guidance issued by the White House Office of Science & Technology Policy (OSTP) that will make taxpayer-funded research immediately available for the public to freely access and fully use. We applaud the administration for eliminating the current 12-month waiting period for access to research outputs.

Yesterday's action is critical for our competitiveness and will advance the well-being of all Americans. For the first time, the public, including researchers, scientists, and entrepreneurs, will have immediate access to taxpayer-funded research results. The policy guidance will make research more useful and valuable, accelerating progress towards key goals of the administration—from cancer to climate change—by ensuring the results are available in machine-readable formats and under terms that enable full use and reuse.

OSTP's memorandum is the culmination of more than 15 years of steady progress. It provides a much-needed update to strengthen U.S. policy that will bring our country to equal footing with governments across the world that have established strong open access policies to promote their national innovation agendas.

We thank you for your steadfast leadership on this issue. Our community, including the extensive U.S. repositories network, stands ready and able to work with your administration on implementation and compliance of this important policy guidance.

Sincerely,

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Association of Southeastern Research Libraries
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