The Honorable Barton Jennings Gordon  
Chairman  
Committee on Science and Technology  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Rayburn House Office Building 2306  
Washington, DC 20515-4206

Dear Chairman Gordon:

I am pleased to present the report of the Scholarly Publishing Roundtable. This report is the product of the process that the House Science and Technology Committee initiated under your leadership last June to bring together the full range of stakeholders involved in scholarly publishing to seek consensus recommendations on expanding public access to the results of federally funded research.

The members of the Roundtable have brought their varied perspectives to a series of in-person meetings, conference calls, and other exchanges over the course of the summer and fall to identify ways to expand public access to the results of research while preserving the essential aspects of the scholarly publishing system as that system evolves in a time of rapid technological change. The recommendations contained in the report accomplish this goal.

On behalf of the Roundtable, I want to thank you for providing us with this opportunity to examine the critical issues surrounding scholarly publishing in the digital age and propose a path forward that advances the public interest and strengthens the support of scholarship.

Sincerely,

John C. Vaughn  
Scholarly Publishing Roundtable Chair

cc: Dahlia L Sokolov, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, House Committee on Science and Technology

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Executive Vice President

January 12, 2010

The Honorable Ralph M. Hall
Ranking Member
Committee on Science and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building 2405
Washington, DC 20515-4304

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Dr. John P. Holdren, Director  
Office of Science and Technology Policy  
725 17th Street Room 5228  
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Director Holdren:

I am pleased to present the report of the Scholarly Publishing Roundtable. This report is the product of the process initiated last June by the House Science and Technology Committee, working in cooperation with the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). The purpose of this process was to bring together the full range of stakeholders involved in scholarly publishing to seek consensus recommendations on expanding public access to the results of federally funded research.

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The report is directly responsive to a number of the issues raised in OSTP’s Public Access Forum, and I hope you find it helpful in carrying out that inquiry.

Sincerely,

John C. Vaughn  
Scholarly Publishing Roundtable Chair

cc: Diane DiEuliis, Assistant Director for Life Sciences, Office of Science and Technology Policy  
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