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Re: Comment period extension request on RFI—Public Access to Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications, Data and Code Resulting from Federally Funded Research- Document No. 2020–03189

On behalf of our Associations representing the higher education and research communities, we respectfully request that the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) extend the comment period of the above-mentioned request for information to sixty (60) days. Promoting public access to the results of federally funded research is a high priority for our organizations, and we very much appreciate the opportunity to comment. We are seeking an extension to ensure we, and our members, can provide detailed responses to the questions raised in OSTP's request.

Given the complexity of this issue and the multiple perspectives and views which exist among various university stakeholders (e.g. libraries, research officers, CIOs, faculty, etc.), we are concerned that thirty (30) days will not provide adequate time for our members to solicit the broad-based input necessary to effectively and accurately respond to this request. We also raise that it may be difficult for other critical stakeholders, especially scholarly societies, to comment in this time frame since many of them must seek formal approval through their respective governance structures to submit comments.

We thank OSTP for its leadership on public access to federally funded research results and look forward to continued engagement on this topic. Thank you in advance for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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