

# Open Access to Federally Funded Research

Increasing Innovation and Improving Education



NAGPS Legislative  
Concerns Committee

## We urge you to support and co-sponsor:

Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act (FASTR)

## OPEN ACCESS

### A Win for American Students, Taxpayers and Small Businesses

- **Small Business:** Removes the cost barrier that prevents small businesses from incorporating the latest research into their innovation
- **Students:** Provides access to cutting-edge research and reduces the cost burden for continuing education
- **Citizens:** Maximizes taxpayers' return on investment in publicly funded research and provides every taxpayer with access to research they have paid for
- **Accountable Government:** Allows transparent review of how federal dollars are used

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public and industry [1]

## Proven Track Record of Success: The NIH Public Access Program

The NIH public access policy currently requires peer-reviewed papers developed from NIH-funded projects to be submitted to NIH's public PubMed Central (PMC) database within one year after publication [1].

Every weekday, more than 700,000 users access PMC. The NIH estimates that only 25% of these users are from universities, 40% are from the general public, and 17% are from industry [1].

## Support from Publishers

At least 50 major publishers, including the Nature Publishing Group and the American Institute of Physics, have pledged to support access models that maximize "dissemination of and access to the content" they publish [2]. Growth in the medical journal market -- the one most affected by the NIH policy -- is forecast to be 6.3% in 2014 [3].