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The undersigned organizations are writing to thank you for sponsoring the Federal Research Public Access Act of 2006, S. 2695.

As public interest groups, we greatly appreciate your work on this very important issue. The Federal Research Public Access Act will help to ensure that the public's interest is well-served by providing access to the results of research funded by federal tax dollars. S. 2695 provides a critical mechanism that will allow the results of our investment in science to be shared among collaborating scientists, physicians, students, patients, and all other members of the public. The Act constitutes a major step forward in providing all stakeholders in the scientific enterprise, including the public, access to scientific information, in effect accelerating discovery and innovation.

S. 2695 acknowledges the unprecedented opportunity provided by networked technology to dramatically advance the collection and exchange of information for the benefit of not only the research community but society as a whole.

Once again, please accept our sincere thanks for your work in introducing this important piece of legislation.

If you have questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Manon Ress, Consumer Project on Technology at (202) 332 2670.

Respectfully,

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