Open Access/FASTR Call Script

*1 phone call = coffee or cookies
*4 phone calls = coffee and cookies
*8 phone calls = name enters a drawing for a free GPC t-shirt

Good morning/Good afternoon my name is ________________, and I am a student at the University of Missouri. My zip code is ____________. Today, I am calling all of Missouri’s Representatives to urge them to support **HR 3427—Free Access to Science and Technology Research (FASTR)**. I hope that Representative ________________ will support this bill because… (Choose a few talking points from below to discuss). Thank you for your time, and have a nice day!

- FASTR ensures that information contained in articles reporting on taxpayer funded scientific research can be freely accessed and fully reused in the digital environment.
- This information is an essential component of our nation’s investment in science, and should be widely shared with the public. Yet most taxpayers – including scientists – cannot readily gain access to all the research paid for with their tax dollars.
- Public access to research is important because it ensures that taxpayers receive the full return on their investment in publicly funded research. By removing barriers in the sharing and use of research, we can speed the pace of scientific discovery, and encourage new, interdisciplinary approaches to research challenges.
- The sharing and reuse of these results will lead to increased use and application of research, and accelerate the translation of this knowledge into applications – products and services which will benefit the public, spur innovation, and fuel long-term economic growth.
- This bill reflects the growing worldwide trend – by funding agencies and higher education institutions – to maximize access to and expanded sharing of research results, increasing usage by millions of scientists, professionals, and individuals, and delivering an accelerated return on their investment in research.
- Recognizing that a one-size-fits-all approach is not practical, this bill offers a thoughtful, flexible approach to meeting the crucial policy goal of expanding access to the published results of taxpayer-funded research.
- This legislation advances the progress made by the NIH Public Access Policy. Since its implementation, the NIH policy has ensured that more than 100,000 new biomedical manuscripts are deposited each year, resulting in millions of Americans having access to vital health care information. Demand for this information is extremely high, with almost one million unique users accessing material from this repository each weekday.

Reference:

[https://sparcopen.org/our-work/fastr/talking-points/](https://sparcopen.org/our-work/fastr/talking-points/)
Missouri House of Representatives Phone Numbers

***We are only calling Missouri House members today because the House version of the bill has a smaller time period (6 months) than the Senate version (1 year) for publishers to make money off of federally funded research. We ask that you call Representative Vicky Hartzler and Representative W. Lacy Clay, Jr. (see below). We also ask that you call 1-2 more from the remaining 6 representatives. You can call all of them if you would like. Thank you!

*Representative Vicky Hartzler
4th District
Republican
D.C. Office: 202-225-2876
Columbia Office: 573-442-9309

**Representative W. Lacy Clay, Jr.
1st District
Democrat
D.C. Office: 202-225-2406

*Representative Vicky Hartzler represents Columbia, MO.
**Representative W. Lacy Clay, Jr. is a member on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform where H.R. 3427 (FASTR) is located.

Representative Ann Wagner
2nd District
Republican
D.C. Office: 202-225-2406

Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer
3rd District
Republican
D.C. Office: 202-225-2956

Representative Emanuel Cleaver, II
5th District
Democrat
D.C. Office: 202-225-4535

Representative Sam Graves
6th District
Republican
D.C. Office: 202-225-8221

Representative Billy Long
7th District
Republican
D.C. Office: 202-225-6536

Representative Jason Smith
8th District
Republican
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