Engage your Representatives on social media

Tweet at your elected officials about FASTR using the hashtag #MoveFASTR, or post about the bill on Facebook. You can find a list of all the twitter accounts for Congress here.

Here are some useful tweets that you can use —

[name of group] urges Congress to #MoveFASTR and make taxpayer funded research available to all #OpenAccess

.@[Your representatives’ twitter account] FASTR represents the next step forward in the competitiveness agenda. It’s time to pass it! #OpenAccess #MoveFASTR

.@[Your representatives’ twitter account] Job growth generated by FASTR will spread across broad sectors of the economy, from ag to ed. Pls pass it! #MoveFASTR

.@[Your representatives’ twitter account] FASTR spurs innovation and encourages job creation. Please help us #MoveFASTR!

.@[Your representatives’ twitter account] FASTR provides additional transparency on federal spending. Pass it out of committee today! #OpenAccess #MoveFASTR

.@[Your representatives’ twitter account] FASTR codifies @WhiteHouse Directive to provide greater public access to taxpayer-funded research. #MoveFASTR

.@[Your representatives’ twitter account] FASTR ensures permanency of public access to scientific research once and for all. Let’s get it done! #MoveFASTR

You can also post these messages on your Representatives’ Facebook pages.
Missouri House of Representatives Twitter Handles

***We are only messaging 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 definitely message Representative Vicky Hartzler and Representative W. Lacy Clay, Jr. (see below), but you can message as many of them as you would like.

*Representative Vicky Hartzler
4th District
Republican
@RepHartzler

**Representative W. Lacy Clay, Jr.
1st District
@CongressmanClayMO1

*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
@AnnLWagner

Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer
3rd District
Republican
@RepBlainePress

Representative Emanuel Cleaver, II
5th District
Democrat
@repcleaver

Representative Sam Graves
6th District
Republican
@RepSamGraves

Representative Billy Long
7th District
Republican
@USRepLong

Representative Jason Smith
8th District
Republican
@RepJasonSmith
More Information on FASTR (H.R. 3427)

- 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:

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