



Office of the Dean
University Libraries
Carnegie Mellon University
4909 Frew Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213-3890
(412) 268-2447
Fax: (412) 268-2793
gstclair@andrew.cmu.edu
<http://www.library.cmu.edu>

June 29, 2006

The Honorable Joseph Lieberman
United States Senate
706 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lieberman:

On behalf of Carnegie Mellon and the roughly 4,000 faculty and staff we represent, I am writing to applaud you for introducing **S. 2695, the Federal Research Public Access Act of 2006 (FRPAA)**. The FRPAA will ensure that all researchers and other U.S. taxpayers have free and timely access to peer-reviewed articles reporting the results of government funded research.

Carnegie Mellon is a private research university with a stellar reputation in many disciplines. We are among the world's leaders in interdisciplinary collaboration and research. Like many universities, our faculty and students do not have sufficient access to the published literature because our library budget cannot keep pace with escalating journal prices. The time has come to provide open access to peer-reviewed, federally funded research. Access to this work is essential to everyone who wishes to apply or build upon it. Furthermore access to this work should be a public right given that taxpayers underwrite tens of billions of dollars worth of research annually.

The FRPAA will significantly expand access to critical research information and help to accelerate the pace of discovery and innovation. During tight budgetary times, your legislation will also help ensure that all government departments and agencies that invest significant sums in research will achieve a greater return on their investment.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Please don't hesitate to let me know how Carnegie Mellon can be of assistance in building support for S. 2695. We look forward to working with you to secure its passage.

Sincerely,

Gloriana St. Clair,
Dean of University Libraries

cc: Senator Arlen Specter
Senator Rick Santorum