Susan Talamentes Eggman, Chair Committee on Accountability & Administrative Review Legislative Office Building 1020 N Street, Room 357 Sacramento, CA 95814 Jim Patterson, Vice-Chair Committee on Accountability & Administrative Review Legislative Office Building 1020 N Street, Room 357 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2192 (Stone) – Public access to state-funded research – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Eggman and Vice-Chair Patterson,

On behalf of these nine national and regional library, publishing, research and advocacy organizations, we are writing to express our support for AB 2192, as amended April 5.

We applaud this legislation for extending current law -- the California Taxpayer Access to Publicly Funded Research Act -- that is set to expire in January 2020, and expanding it to include articles reporting on research funded by al California state agencies (not just those funded by public health agencies) and requiring them to be made publicly available. These are valuable improvements to current law, and we fully support their inclusion.

However, earlier versions of this legislation included important provisions that we were disappointed to see removed. These provisions included shortening the maximum allowable embargo period to six months, as opposed to it remaining at 12 months, and requiring that these articles be made available to the public under terms and conditions that enable their productive reuse. These provisions would have greatly improved the speed of access and utility of the research that is funded by taxpayers in California. We hope these provisions are considered in future versions of the legislation. Please see Exhibit A addressing these issues.

Thank you for your time and attention, and we look forward to working with you on this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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