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Campaign to Oppose Nomination of Mr. Casey Arrowood Closing

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Join the campaign to oppose the nomination of Mr. Casey Arrowood to be the next U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee here:  https://bit.ly/OpposeArrowoodNomination

Please spread the word to your family, neighbors, friends, colleagues, and
concerned organizations and individuals. We aim to cover all 50 states plus the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. If you are located in or know someone in Montana and Vermont, please put in extra effort to spread the word and ask them to sign on. We plan to finalize and send the letters to the White House and the Senate Judiciary Committee in the coming week.


In addition to the Tennessee Chinese American Alliance as a co-organizer for this campaign, API Middle Tennessee issued a Statement on Casey T. Arrowood Nomination on August 31, 2022. The most recent updates about the campaign are posted here: https://bit.ly/3R6bP5w

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According to a White House announcement on August 25, 2022, the Office of
Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) updated U.S. policy guidance to make the results of taxpayer-supported research immediately available to the American public at no cost by 2025. In a memorandum to federal departments and agencies, Dr. Alondra Nelson, the head of OSTP, delivered guidance for agencies to update their public access policies as soon as possible to make publications and research funded by taxpayers publicly accessible, without an embargo or cost. All agencies will fully implement updated policies, including ending the optional 12-month embargo, no later than December 31, 2025.

According to a Science report on August 26, 2022, "[m]any details of the new policy, including exactly how the government will fund immediate public access, remain to be decided. But it significantly reshapes and expands existing—and fiercely contested—U.S. access rules that have been in place since 2013. Most notably, the White House has substantially weakened, but not formally eliminated, the ability of journals to keep final versions of federally funded papers behind a subscription paywall for up to 1 year.

"Many commercial publishers and nonprofit scientific societies have long fought to maintain that 1-year embargo, saying it is critical to protecting subscription revenues that cover editing and production costs and fund society activities. But critics of paywalls argue that they obstruct the free flow of information, have enabled price gouging by some publishers, and force U.S. taxpayers to “pay twice”—once to fund the research and again to see the results. Since the late 1990s, the critics have lobbied Congress and the White House to require free and immediate 'open access' to government-funded research."

Dr. Christina Ciocca Eller, OSTP Assistant Director of Evidence and Policy, has accepted our invitation to speak at the next APA Justice monthly meeting on September 12, 2022.

Read more about Dr. Nelson's memorandum: https://bit.ly/3RdOn6W

APA Justice Joins Discussion with Senior Research Officers at AAU Meeting
Steven Pei and Jeremy Wu, co-organizers of APA Justice, have been invited to give a presentation and join discussion with the Senior Research Officers (SRO) Group at the next meeting by the Association of American Universities (AAU) on September 9, 2022. The SRO group consists of the vice presidents/vice chancellors for research representing the 65 universities that comprise AAU. Founded in 1900, AAU is composed of America’s leading research universities. AAU’s 65 research universities in the U.S. and Canada transform lives through education, research, and innovation. The discussion will focus on the concerns, fears, and effective engagement of Asian Pacific American faculty.