

May 10, 2011

The Honorable Darrell Issa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
House Oversight and Government Reform  
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The Honorable Elijah Cummings  
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The Honorable Daniel Lungren  
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The Honorable Robert Brady  
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Dear Chairman and Ranking Member,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations concerned with government accountability and transparency, we are writing in support of the Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act, introduced by Representative Mike Quigley.

The Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act requires that any report required by statute to be issued to Congress and releasable under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) be posted on a website managed by the US Government Printing Office (GPO). The reports would be available no later than 30 days after their transmission to Congress, and would be searchable by a number of categories.

Congressionally mandated reports contain a wealth of information that enable the public to better understand how well federal agencies are (or are not) fulfilling their respective missions, from ensuring the safety of our drugs and food supply, to protecting the environment, and monitoring the soundness of our financial institutions. The Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act makes it easier for the public to find this information and use it to hold officials accountable for their actions.

We appreciate your time and attention to this issue, and urge that you pass the Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this issue further, please contact Patrice McDermott, Director of OpenTheGovernment.org ([pmcdermott@openthegovernment.org](mailto:pmcdermott@openthegovernment.org) or 202-332-6736).

Sincerely,

American Association of Law Libraries

American Association of University Professors

American Library Association

American Society of News Editors

Association of Research Libraries  
Bill of Rights Defense Committee  
Center for Media and Democracy  
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington - CREW  
Defending Dissent Foundation  
Demos  
DownSizeDC.org, Inc.  
Essential Information  
Government Accountability Project - GAP  
iSolon.org  
Liberty Coalition  
MuckRuck.org  
National Coalition Against Censorship  
National Coalition for History  
National Freedom of Information Coalition  
No More Guantanamos  
Northern California Association of Law Libraries  
OMB Watch  
OpenTheGovernment.org  
Project On Government Oversight – POGO  
Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press  
Society of Professional Journalists  
Special Libraries Association  
Sunlight Foundation  
Union of Concerned Scientists, Scientific Integrity Program  
Washington Coalition for Open Government

cc: Representative Mike Quigley