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# A Bill of Rights for Institutional Knowledge

**Our institutions have the right**  
to keep their knowledge confidential,  
to trust their knowledge,  
to have control over their knowledge  
and to apply these rights as they see fit.

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<b>We</b>	Citizens, employees and individuals.
<b>Our Institutions</b>	Governments, businesses and organizations.
<b>Knowledge</b>	Data, intellectual property, plans, communications, actions and processes.

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<b>We have become socially dependent on knowledge</b>	<p>It is the primary resource that runs our institutions. In order to protect our institutions, we must be better at safeguarding knowledge.</p> <p>We believe that in order for knowledge to be truly safeguarded, our institutions must be able to exercise the following rights and they must be able to exercise them at their sole discretion:</p> <p>Our institutions have the right to keep their knowledge confidential.</p> <p>Our institutions have the right to trust their knowledge.</p> <p>Our institutions have the right to retain control over their knowledge.</p>
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<b>Confidentiality</b>	The ability to choose who has knowledge.
<b>Trust</b>	Knowing that knowledge has not been tampered with, knowing the identity of its source, and knowing that source was authorized to create it.
<b>Control</b>	There are no back doors or single points of failure. Knowing only the institution can set rule policies, and that institution is empowered to effect outcomes.

**Our institutions are at risk.**  
**The status quo is failing to protect them.**  
**The time is now for our institutions to embrace their rights.**