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To: DOA Public Records Board Comments
Subject: Changes being made limit Access to Public Records

To my elected officials namely Mr. Walker,

Mr. Walker I have voted for you twice and supported ACT 10 as I felt government/public employees should be paid more comparably to the regular working class. In my mind benefits are part of your pay just like vacation and sick pay these things are negotiable and we are an at will state for employment. However over the course of 2015 you have pushed me to reconsider my support for you and many other of your fellow politicians in Madison on both sides of the aisle. The changes namely you and your government cronies are trying to make to the open record laws are unacceptable and you are only making the changes due to the John Doe investigation. I get why, we all get angry and try to exact revenge it is human nature, however I do not support what you and others are trying to do. If it is paid for by/with my tax dollars I as a tax paying burden carrying citizen have the CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT to know how you are spending my hard earned money and that includes knowing what you do with what we buy you. If our government locally and nationally for that matter continues to muddy the waters of transparency the discontent in this country will continue to grow. If you and your fellow law makers change the open record law, definitions, and or any other back door method you can use in the way it has been described I will personally vote against each and every one of you and I will make my voice and opinion heard. I may be only one person but I know I am only one of many many people who feel this way and are passionate about keeping you people in Madison as honest and for as we can since we do not have the special interest and lobbying power your real bosses do. I urge you and your fellow lawmakers for once in your careers actually do something for us the people to keep us safe from you. Yes you read that right, as sad as that sound many of us in this country feel we need to be protected from our government and I'm not talking about the terrorist in Oregon, I mean us every day people paying your way and supporting a government clearly shifting further and further away from the peoples' best interests. Transparency can make government stronger, more honest, and actually for the people. If we have no transparency all we are left with our doubts, worries, and conspiracy theories. Secrecy breeds mistrust, discontent, deception, and a loss of faith. It creates worries and doubts where there should be none and it takes away from what could be real positive change and open communication between our "elected" officials and the people they are intended to serve. A government not trusted by the people is a government short on life. A house divide cannot stand and lack of trust and transparency we lead to, as it already has, a house divided.

Sincerely,
A Disheartened Wisconsinite
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