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Subject: Changes to Public Access to Communication

We are contacting the state Public Records Board to express our views about the new definition of "transitory records."

The Public Records Board has defined "transitory" all electronic communications (such as texting, etc.) used by public boards, commissions and government officials to conduct public business. That would allow those types of records to be exempt from public disclosure because they supposedly have only temporary value.

This is the modern era when most communication is electronic. The effect of this change in definition would be to make communication hidden from the public - quite the opposite of transparent governance that we hold dear.

We urge you to include all electronic communication in the public domain. With the current low level of public trust in government, it is most important to maintain public access to records of our elected and appointed policy makers.

Sincerely,

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