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Last summer, the Public Records Board somehow decided to limit access to public records, calling text messages, Facebook posts, emails, and other electronic communication "transitory." A bizarre finding, it seems to me.

If a state employee uses public resources in the course of his or her job, the product of that person's work is subject to the scrutiny of the taxpayers who provide the resources and in whose names the work is performed. Instead, the Board decided to place electronic communication in the shadows, where the only thing that grows is corruption.

Wisconsin's open records laws do not need the "reform" or "clarification" that the Board has wreaked on us. What you did was a travesty, an affront to democracy. In the name of open government, rescind your redefinition of a public record.

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