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Subject: Debate about Access to public records

My name is Carol Johnson and I live in the Town of Brookfield in Waukesha county.

I was reading today in the Journal that you are taking comments about the access to public records - specifically transitory records. I would like to go on record as being in favor of a broad interpretation of the definition so that all forms of electronic communications by public employees be considered open records and available to the public. I served on the Town Board for 6 years and know that it is not always easy to have to conduct All business in the open for scrutiny by the public. But since it is the public 's business you are conducting, they have a right to all communications about that business no matter what form that communication is in- paper, recorded or electronic. I feel this is especially true today when many discussions take place electronically. If you are conducting anything about public business- no matter what format it is in, the public ,including me, has every right to know what is being discussed on our behalf. The only way for the public to know is to make sure all electronic communications by public employees are considered open records. Please rescind your earlier decision redefining what "transitory" records means and expand it to include ALL electronic communications by public employees.

Thank you, Carol Johnson

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