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Subject: Defining "transitory" records

I wish to register my strong objection to defining as "transitory" all electronic communications used by public boards, commissions and government officials to conduct public business.

These days, many electronic records obviously have more than temporary value. Because much public business is now conducted by electronic means, it is vitally important that electronic records not be defined as "transitory" or in any manner that would result in their being hidden from the public or exempt from public disclosure..

The Public Records Board's definition of electronic records as "transitory" will close off access to thousands of important communications conducted routinely throughout the state of Wisconsin, hiding them from the eyes of the citizens of the state. The resulting lack of transparency is completely at odds with government in a democracy.

I therefore urge the Public Records Board to avoid defining electronic records as "transitory" and to make it possible for all such records to be disclosed to the citizens of Wisconsin.

Sincerely yours,

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