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To the Board:

As a citizen and as a public member of the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council, I write to oppose any change in the definition or illustrations of "transitory records" that could give custodians even the perception that they have new and expanded discretion to delete records immediately and without oversight.

I am particularly concerned by the breadth of this category of record suggested by the "use case/ examples" in the revised schedules. Although I recognize that some degree of discretion in records retention is inevitable, any such discretion must be exercised in good faith. The broader the discretion that can be read into the rules, the more vulnerable they are to misuse.

Any action that permits government to quickly delete any record that documents the activities of government officials and employees is bound to increase the risk that the public will be kept in the dark regarding significant information about their government. It may well not have been the intent of the Board to dangerously expand the definition of transitory records, but I fear that may be the result.

The Board should not take any action that can be used by custodians to quickly delete records that document their own activities. I fear the new language does this, and I urge the Board to roll back the changes.

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