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**Subject:** Don't limit access to public records

In a democracy, openness is one of the most important methods of ensuring honest and effective governance. It is a great concern that the Public Records Board is seeking to limit access to text, e mail, and social media communications made by public employees. The people's right to know how we are being governed is an inherent right in a democracy and any attempt to limit access to this information must be stopped dead in its tracks. The current legislative, judicial and executive branches of Wisconsin state government are making a concerted effort to limit the public's access to public information so that decisions can be made without public scrutiny. There will be severe electoral consequences in the coming election if this attempt to limit access is approved by the Public Records Board,

Sincerely,

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