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Subject: Electronic Records Comments

Greetings,

I would just like to take a moment to tell you my strong feelings about keeping government open.

The latest attempt to limit access to text messages, emails, facebook posts and more is a step in the wrong direction for the citizens of Wisconsin. As a 53-year old parent of children aged 17 and 19, I can tell you that the way of the future (and the present with the millennials and others) is to communicate by these means. You are making a grave mistake if you feel that important information is not communicated through these channels. That is old-school thinking. While people of my generation are more likely to speak directly to another person by phone or in person, this is not the wave of the future. By prohibiting access to these types of messages, you are creating a place for public employees to conduct business without any means of oversight.

Communication is communication - no matter what how it transpires. We, the public, have a right to access and find out how state government is administered. We should be able to know what our elected officials are doing with our money and in our interest.

I made this same plea in early July and I make it again today. KEEP OUR PUBLIC RECORDS PUBLIC!

Thank you,

Julia