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The current attempt to limit public access to any/all governmental records and communications by the PRB is in direct conflict with Lincoln's comments in the Gettysburg Address of 1863. Throughout the history of the United States, men and women have sacrificed their lives to "ensure the survival of America's representative democracy: that "**government of the people, by the people, for the people** , shall not perish from the earth."

The **people** have a right to know what is happening in our state and closing the door to access is a violation of the principles of what constitutes a democratic government.

Keep the door open Public Records Board.

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