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The Public Records Board needs to rescind its action to limit access to text messages, emails, Facebook posts and other electronic communications by public employees.

Democracies can only work with an educated and informed public. Limiting access to electronic records keeps the public in the dark about the way that government is working or not working. How the sausage is made is just as important as the finished product. Public employees work for the citizens of the State of Wisconsin, and the only way to obtain accountability is to preserve full access, particularly when more and more communications are made electronically instead of a paper trail.

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