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**From:** JAMES BARAN <bdjb@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2016 9:09 PM  
**To:** DOA Public Records Board Comments  
**Subject:** Electronic records belong to the people of Wisconsin keep it that way

Good day,

The idea that is floating around Madison allowing elected officials to keep secrets from the people of Wisconsin is appalling.

Make no mistake, the Public Records Board's policy revision made in August will allow people in power to limit access to text messages, emails, Facebook posts and other electronic communication by public employees. It also encourages them to conduct the public's business in the shadows through such tools. When government employees conduct the public's business and spend the taxpayers' dollars electronically, citizens have an interest in those communications and a right to see them.

I urge you to rescind the board's policy action and keep the public's access to the people's government open and unabated.

If Wisconsin is to "Move Forward", we must have an open government. No secrets.

Thank you,

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