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It is very difficult for ordinary citizens to find out what our government is doing, purportedly in our name. Please do not create a whole class of records that an unscrupulous official can exploit, in order to hide his or her actions from the public.

Where I work, e-mails and instant messages, texts and other similar records **MUST** be sent only on the company's owned or approved equipment, and is meticulously monitored and archived by them. In our state government, we should demand no less, since the citizens have an inherent right to know what is being done by our elected officials, as well as a responsibility to monitor what they do. In government, the officials are the employees, the citizens are the management and owners.

Please reverse your recent decision on electronic records, and draft meaningful rules to help ensure that our government remains accountable to the people, whatever the mode of future communications.

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